

## **STUDY GUIDE: “The New King”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Have you ever had a big responsibility and felt inadequate to fulfill your duties?
2. Have you ever had to choose someone to replace you?

### **Questions**

#### **Read 1 Samuel chapters 9-12**

3. What is the significance of Samuel giving Saul the leg portion of the meat (9:24)? Look up Exodus 29:27 for reference.
4. What is Saul’s response to the criticism from the “worthless men” in 10:27? What could he have done? (Proverbs 16:14) What ends up happening to them in 1 Samuel 11:12-13? What does this show you about Saul?
5. Why did Israel try to make a deal with Nahash the Ammonite in chapter 11? Why did they not start by engaging in war with the invading army?

### **Taking It Home**

6. Has God called you to leadership? Where? How will you grow in that role? In what areas will you trust God for what skills you lack?

### **Extra Credit**

7. Samuel’s address in 1 Samuel 12:1-20 represents the end of the reign of judges over Israel and the beginning of Israel’s monarchy. Which position, judge or king, do you think was more valuable to the people of Israel? Why?