

**Home Small Group Lesson**  
***“Spiritual Legacy Rejected”***  
**1 Samuel 8**

**Start It Up**

- **Opening Icebreaker:**

For better or worse, describe the “spiritual legacy” of those who came before you. What was the spiritual condition of your parents and grandparents? To what degree did you take the baton of faith from them?

**Talk it Over**

- **Sermon Summary...**

1. **Spiritual legacy is rejected,** (v.1-9)
2. **...which leads to struggle,** (v.10-18)
3. **...but some still want it their way!** (v.19-22)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- How important is leaving a spiritual legacy to you? What are 3 or 4 things you see as important in leaving a legacy to children and grandchildren?
- Samuel’s two sons seemed to reject their dad’s spiritual legacy. How does that impact you emotionally? Does it encourage you or discourage you to know even Samuel had kids that didn’t follow the Lord?
- “Give us a king!” From what you heard Sunday, what was so bad about this request? Discuss the comparisons between the Judges they had and the Kings they wanted:

**Role of Judges:**

*Protectors of the people*

*Like the people*

*Teach the people*

*Submitted to the priesthood*

*“Here’s what God says to do...”*

**Role of Kings:**

*Lord of the people*

*Over the people*

*Are the law*

*Silence the priesthood*

*“Don’t tell me what to do...”*

- Samuel makes clear (v.18) that if they ignore the warnings and do what they want, only to cry out to God later (with insincere hearts) God will not answer them. From what you know about God’s character, how does this mesh with a God who always hears? Explain

- Which of the following “life lessons” impacted you most:
  - *Godly parenting is essential, but does not automatically guarantee spiritual legacy.*
  - *Displeasure with people is normal, but resolve to hold your tongue and pray.*
  - *Be careful what you ask for, because you may get it...and it may destroy you.*
  - *No wisdom, no council, no understanding can avail against the Lord.*

**Pray it Over:**

- **Confession Time.** Where have you “demanded” God give you something? Take time to sift through past decisions where you moved ahead of the Lord. Seek his forgiveness and ask for restoration.
- **Repeat things in God’s ears.** Samuel did this...and so should we. Is anything troubling you? Have people displeased you? Take time to repeat these things in the Lord’s ears and ask for his perspective.
- **Yield.** Instead of complaining about current life circumstances, take time to thank the Lord for the ways he has blessed you. Any areas of uncertainty ahead of you? Pray with a heart surrendered to His will.
- **Pray for a Legacy.** Pray for those you desire to leave a legacy to. Pray they take the baton of faith and run a good race. Take time to pray for them by name.