

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 Samuel 12:23a**

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you.

**UNITED KINGDOM 6-1**

**"A CROWN AND A WARNING"  
READ 1 Samuel 11:1 - 12:25**

**DAY 1 - READ 1 Samuel 11:1 - 12:25**

1. What was significant to you from last week's lesson?
  
2. What do you think is the strongest point Samuel is trying to make in his farewell address to Israel?

**DAY 2 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 11:1-11**

3. a. What condition of surrender did Nahash the Ammonite demand from the people of Jebesh Gilead?
  - b. What course of action did they try in verse 3?
  
4. What do you notice about Saul in verse 5?
  
5. a. In verse 10:27 Saul exhibited self-control. In verse 11:6 he is angry. How do you think those are compatible characteristics in a position of leadership?
  - b. What do you do to keep your self-control when angry?
  
6. What did the killing of the oxen accomplish?
  
7. a. The men of Israel numbered \_\_\_\_\_ and the men of Judah \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. How did the men of Jabesh Gilead feign submission to the Ammonites?
  - c. What was Saul's victorious battle plan?

**DAY 3 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 11:12-15**

8. What phrase did Saul use to show to whom he gave the glory?

**DAY 3 – (Continued) REVIEW 1 Samuel 11:12-15**

9. a. What place did the Ammonite battle have in God's plan between the choosing of Saul (10:17-25) and his coronation (11:14,15)?
  - b. How can you apply this to the place your "battles" have in God's plan for your life? (For help see Romans 8:28 and Isaiah 40:29-31.)
10. a. What three things were done when Samuel took the people to Gilgal?
  - b. Coronation - consecration - celebration! Share a time of special celebration in your life. What part did the Lord play in it?

**DAY 4 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 12:1-11**

11. Samuel pointed out his virtues in verses 1-4. What were they?
12. Who were the witnesses he called in verse 5?
13. Consider the thought of testifying about your life to others. How has God empowered or brought change to your life?
14. In verses 8-11, identify the following:
  - a. Those who were leaders in the deliverance from Egypt
  - b. The reason God allowed the enemy to prevail
  - c. The evidence of repentance
  - d. Those whom God used to deliver the people
15. a. (IN-DEPTH) Why do you think the recounting of Israel's deliverance in Scripture always goes back to the Exodus?
  - b. When you recount the times God has delivered you, do you have a "starting point?" If so, would you please share it with your group.

**DAY 5 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 12:12-25**

16. Samuel desired to 1) convince the people of their sin in asking for a king and 2) confirm the necessity for the people to cleave to the Lord.
  - a. Under what circumstance would the Lord bless the new king?
  - b. What sign demonstrated God's anger?
  - c. What was Samuel's warning in verses 20,21?
  
17. a. What did Samuel see as his duty?
  - b. Share a time when knowing someone was praying for you strengthened you.
  - c. Stop and pray for someone right now who is special to you.
  
18. In verse 24, Samuel mentioned the "great things" God had done for Israel. What "great things" do you consider God has done for your nation?
  - . . . your family?
  - . . . you?
  
19. What application for our nation today could we find in verse 25 and what dangers can you identify?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**