

Saul Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Read as much as you can of 1 Samuel 9—31 and 2 Samuel 1

Why does power corrupt? How can we guard against it?

Does appearance affect the way people are perceived?

What are the challenges of the “impressive”? What are the challenges of the “unimpressive”?

How does it change our behavior to have the attitude that maybe God is “up to something”?

Who has had a powerful experience of the power of the Holy Spirit?

Do you always “read the directions” when given a new responsibility?

What do you think of Saul’s reaction to the distress call from Jabesh Gilead?

Saul and the people got the “good news — bad news” about obedience to God. Did Saul remember?

When can we “trust our instincts”? Are there emergency situations where we have to break rules?

Was Saul disqualified on the basis of one act only?

Saul and Jonathan still had success after his days had been declared numbered. What does that teach?

How and why do we rationalize God’s clear commands? Ulterior motives? Pride — we have a better way?

Why do you think God left Saul on the throne? What did Jonathan learn? What did David learn?

Proverbs 3:5,6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Does God ever seem to not make sense? What are the steps to evaluating the situation?

(Did I hear God rightly? Is my heart open to the Lord’s will regardless? More?)

Will Saul be in heaven? (1 Samuel 28:16 – 19) Or was Samuel somewhere else at that time?