1 Samuel Lesson 6 (2020)

**SAUL MADE KING**

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15

Key Verse: 11: 13

**Open it:**

1. When was the first time you wished you could “crawl into a hole” rather than make an appearance or presentation in public?

**Explore it:**

1. Read 10:1-6. What did Samuel do to make Saul King? (10:1) What signs would confirm Saul’s anointing? (2-6)
2. Read verses 7-19. What instructions did Samuel give? (7-8) How were these signs fulfilled? (9-16) What is the significance of Saul’s being changed and prophesying? When he Gathered all Israel at Mizpah, how did Samuel remind them of God’s grace and rebuke them? (17-19)
3. Read verses 20-25. How did God himself demonstrated that he had chosen Saul? (20-24) How did the people respond? (24b) What can we learn in these events about Samuel’s obedience to God? (See also 8:6; 9:22-10:1) What did Samuel teach from God’s law a bout the kingship? (25; Dt. 17:14-20)
4. Read verses 26-27. What happened when Saul went home? (26-27) What was good or bad about Saul’s response to his critics? What leadership qualities did Saul have?
5. Read 11:1-4. Who besieged Jabesh Gilead? (1) How did the Ammonite insult the men of Jabesh? (2) How did the elders of Jabesh react? (3-4)
6. Read verses 5-8. How did Saul react to this bad news? (5) What was his source of power? (6) How did Saul turn out the Israelites as one man? 97) What was his leadership style?
7. Read verses 9-15. How did Saul win his first victory? (9-11) In what sense did this victory vindicate the choice of Saul as king? (12) How did Saul interpret the victory? (13b) What is the advantage of showing mercy to one’s detractors rather than getting even with them? How did Samuel confirm Saul’s kingship?

**Apply it:**

1. The next time you are vindicated or proven right, in what concrete way could you show mercy toward those who were wrong?