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Discussion Questions – Saul's Anointing

Read 1 Samuel 9-15

- Why did the Israelites want a king? (because all their neighbors had one)
- Is it a good idea to always get what our neighbors have?
- Is there a commandment about that? (Ex. 20:17)
- Was Saul tall or short? (1 Samuel 9:2)
- Why was Saul a good choice for a king? (1 Samuel 9-11)
- [How did Samuel and Saul discover each other?](#) (Saul was looking for his father's missing donkeys, and before he even had a chance to open his mouth, Samuel told him that they had been found. Saul was so impressed that he followed Samuel's leadings without question.)
- Why was there a private anointing? (Samuel's first anointing of Saul was done privately; Saul would need to grow into his position in order to garner the support of his fellow countrymen.)
- What were the advantages of having a king?
- What were the disadvantages of having a king?
- Were the people just exchanging one form of bondage (Egypt) for another (King)?
- [What is the difference between a king and a prophet?](#)
- Whom did Saul have to listen to?
- [What was Saul's first mistake?](#) 1 Samuel 13
- Why was Saul disobedient?
- What happens when we want things done on our time table instead of God's?
- [Saul was disobedient again and this time it cost him being king. What did he do wrong?](#) (1 Samuel 15:1-22)