

8. Samuel insists that the Lord would not abandon His people (12:22). What does Samuel base this on? How do Christians have a similar reason for hope (consider Hebrews 13:5; John 6:37-40; 17:11)?

# Sermon Notes

"Who You Going to Trust?"

1 Samuel 11 – 12

August 20, 2017

## Introduction

9. How did Samuel display commitment to the people and their king (12:23)? What principles are transferable to us today?
10. Do you need to renew your allegiance to the Lord? What would that look like for you to do so?

**Let's Pray:**

**Conclusion:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-20-17

Questions adapted from 1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 42-45; Explore the Bible, Quicksource Leader, Vol. 4, No. 1, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, Fall 2008, pp. 22.

## Getting Started:

1. Describe an example of misplaced trust.

## Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel 11:1-13.

- a. Summarize the chain of events that led to the rescue of Jabesh Gilead.

- b. What was Saul's role in all of this?

- c. What was God's role in all of this?

3. Samuel's life was a model of integrity. To what degree are you able to stand up and say the kinds of things that Samuel said in 12:3-5? Reflect on the degree of integrity in your own standards and behavior. Are there any habits or choices you need to change?

4. As Saul is confirmed as king, how was the Lord's supreme kingship also reaffirmed, according to what you see in these passages?

- a. 11:13

- b. 12:7-15

- c. 12:20-25

5. According to chapter 12, why does trusting in a king – without obeying the Lord – result only in a false security?

6. According to Samuel, what would spell success or failure for Israel's new monarchy (12:14-15, 24-25)? How would you describe in your own words the actions and attitudes Samuel was urging?

7. What are some "worthless things" (12:21) that may entice people from trusting in the Lord?