

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 13, 2022
1 Samuel 9:1-21

1. What happened in our last Bible study in 1 Samuel 8?
 - a. Umm...I don't remember, but the heading says Israel asks for a king.
 - b. Samuel grew old and appointed his sons as Israel's leaders.
 - c. Samuel's sons didn't follow in Samuel's footsteps...wait, this sounds a little familiar.
 - d. When Israel asked for a king, Samuel went to God. God said, they haven't rejected you, they've rejected me.
 - e. God told Samuel to give the people what they wanted, with a warning about what will come with that king.

2. 1 Samuel 9:1-2 begins by describing a family. This is an unassuming start. What do you think is about to happen? _____

3. What happened to Saul's family in 9:3-10?
 - a. The donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost.
 - b. Kish sent Saul with one of the servants to look for the donkeys.
 - c. They couldn't find the donkeys.
 - d. Saul was ready to turn back, but the servant said there was a man of God in town and suggested that they go ask him for advice.
 - e. They had a long and strange discussion about what they had to give the man of God for his advice.

4. What does verse 9 tell us about the writing of this book? _____

5. Why do you think we have so many details about what happened on their way into town to see the 'seer'? _____

6. Meanwhile, what was going on with Samuel, according to verses 15-16? _____

7. Do you think God still talks this way to people that develop this sort of close relationship with him? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

8. What happened when Samuel saw Saul in verse 17? _____

9. What happened in verses 18-20 when Saul ask Samuel about 'the seer'?
 - a. Samuel identified himself as the seer.
 - b. Samuel told Saul to go up to the high place ahead of him and invited them to dinner...but it was a strange invitation..."today you are to eat with me."
 - c. Samuel told Saul that he would send him on his way in the morning and tell him all that is in his heart...then answered Saul's question seemingly without Saul ever asking...and then says another weird thing.

10. How does Saul respond in verse 21? _____

11. How would you respond? _____