

## Christ Church sermon questions 17 November 2019

### **Saul - 1 Samuel 8:1-9, 1 Samuel 10:9-27**

1. For background read the above passages.
2. Why do you think Samuel (and God) were displeased with the people's request for a king?
3. In 1 Samuel 9 verses 2 and 21 we learn something of Saul's background and appearance. What can we learn from this about making judgements ourselves about people?
4. Read 1 Samuel 10:9-10. God changed Saul's heart. How has knowing God changed your heart?
5. Saul made 3 big mistakes:
  1. Impatience, fear and lack of trust (1 Samuel 13:7-14)
  2. Disobedience and sin (1 Samuel 15:17-31)
  3. Turned to a medium (1 Samuel 28:14-20)

Briefly look at these events or choose one if short of time. What stands out to you about Saul? What do we learn about God and his purposes? What do we learn about ourselves?

6. Saul had Samuel as a potential mentor who tried to help him. Do you have others who help you walk with God and grow in your faith? Could you ask someone to mentor you? Or could you offer to mentor others?
7. Overall what is God saying to you from the story of Saul? Try and be specific and practical.
8. Take time to pray for one another.