

GOD IS.

A SERIES ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

Ice Breaker: Who is the most famous person you've ever met?

Read: 1 Samuel 8:1-9 and 19-22, John 19:16-21

Genesis 1:1 and 20-28, Exodus 3:7-10, 1 Samuel 8: 7-18, 1 Peter 2:9-12

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - Why did Israel want a human king even though God was already King?
 - What do you think they believed a human king could provide that God could not?
- [Question of the Sermon: What kind of king is God?]
- God is Creator, Not Conqueror (Genesis 1:1 and 20-28)
 - How is God's kingship different from earthly rulers who gain power through conquest?
 - What does Genesis reveal about God's intentions toward creation and humanity?
 - What areas of your life are you tempted to treat as your own rather than God's creation entrusted to your care?
- God is Liberator, Not Oppressor (Exodus 3:7-10)
 - What stands out to you about God's response to the suffering of the Israelites?
 - What does this passage teach about God's heart for people who are oppressed, hurting, or powerless?
 - How does God's leadership differ from rulers who exploit people for their own gain?
- God is Provider, Not A Perverter of Possession (1 Samuel 8:7-18, Genesis 1:27-28)
 - What warnings did Samuel give about what a human king would do?
 - What words or phrases in this passage reveal the selfish nature of earthly rulers?
 - What is the difference between stewardship and ownership?
 - Why can it be easy to forget that everything we have ultimately belongs to God?
- Closing Thoughts (John 19:16-21)
 - [Personal reflection] Have you received God as your Savior, but rejected God as King?
 - What are some subtle ways Christians can accept Jesus as Savior while resisting Him as King?
 - Based on what you've learned, what will you apply this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

