Confirmation 2022: The Bible

Week 4

Icebreaker Game: Maintain the Monarchy

Read Samuel 8:7

Have you ever felt rejected?

God responds to people’s rejection by giving them their king. Why would God do this?

What is the main job of a king or queen?

God’s covenant with the people of Israel involved Israel being a blessing to the whole world. How would having a king make this more difficult for God’s people?

Discussion

How do you react when things go wrong? Who do you blame?

Is asking questions a faithful response when things go wrong?

What kid of leader do you think God looks for?

Write down the name of 4 kings or queens that you know about—they can be real or fro a story. For each one, list one good quality and one quality that makes them hard to deal with.

Having a king was like getting a shiny new toy. So much expectation and so much disappointment.

Why does God allow the ancient Israelites and us too so much control in their/our lives? What would be better if God just denied us the ability to make wrong decisions? What would be worse?

Read 1 Kings: 11:1-3 What was Solomon like?

Read Samuel 8:1-9

What does God tell Israel about Kings? Why do you think God gave kings to the Israelites anyway?

I Samuel 9 Describes Saul. Why do you think Samuel chose Saul to be King? Skim Chapter nine and write your response.

Read Samuel 13:13-14

What happened to Saul?

Read I Samuel 16: 6-13 to Discover Saul’s Replacement.

What made David an unlikely choice?

Read 21 Samuel 11:2-5

Read Acts 13:22 What did God think of David, even after he had made terrible mistakes?

Roughly 25% of the world’s countrys are ruled by a monarchy today.

Which rulers do you think are doing a good job?

Can you think of rulers who have caused a lot of damage among their people?

Kings are an example of something the people wanted, but didn’t work out they way they expected.

List some things your really wanted that turned out to be less exciting than you thought they would be:

A toy or childhood game.

An experience you couldn’t wait for.

A movie or concert you were excited to see.

Anything else?

How might these examples connect with the stories of the Israelite kings.