

Searching for a King

A sermon series through the books of Samuel and Kings

God is the only faithful leader, provider and protector

Young Samuel hears the voice of the Lord. David slays Goliath with a slingshot. Elijah takes on the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. These are some of the most iconic stories in the Bible. But what is the big story all the individual tales are telling? Capturing that is our quest in Searching For A King, a sermon series through the Bible books of Samuel and Kings. As we study Israel's 500 years of monarchy we will discover that their ancient experiences of leadership are strikingly similar to those in our own day, often frustratingly so. But this only serves to highlight our need for the primary message of these books: God is the true King we need, the only one who can faithfully lead, provide for and protect us. Even as Israel continually rebelled against God's leadership, he faithfully unfolded his promise to send a perfect King who would rule over his people forever: Jesus, the Messiah.

THE STORY OF SAMUEL

The man who heard the Word of the Lord, 1 Samuel 1 – 7

1 Samuel 1-2	God Sends a Son
1 Samuel 3	Knowing God By His Word
1 Samuel 8	Choosing Tyranny

THE STORY OF SAUL

The man who feared man more than God, 1 Samuel 9 – 15

1 Samuel 9-10	Divine Appointment
1 Samuel 12	Serve the High King
1 Samuel 13-15	The Folly of Fearing Man

THE STORY OF DAVID

The man after God's own heart, 1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 24

Matthew 21	The Arrival of the King
Matthew 28	The Triumph of the King
1 Samuel 16	God Sees The Heart
1 Samuel 17	Passion for God's Honor
1 Samuel 18-20	Pride and Insecurity
1 Samuel 24	Love Your Enemy
1 Samuel 28, 31	The End of Unbelief
2 Samuel 1-3	Leading with Love and Honor
2 Samuel 6	Fear and Joy in Worship
2 Samuel 7	The House God Built

2 Samuel 9	At The King's Table
2 Samuel 11	From Desire to Death
2 Samuel 12	You Are The Man
2 Samuel 13	Evil In Your House
2 Samuel 22	My Rock, My Savior
2 Samuel 23	A Gift of Holy Water
2 Samuel 24	The Census and the Sacrifice

THE STORY OF SOLOMON

The man who left God for idols, 1 Kings 1 – 11

1 Kings 1	I Will Be King
1 Kings 3	A Wise and Discerning Mind
1 Kings 8	The Temple of Yahweh's Name
1 Kings 9-10	When Blessings Become Idols
1 Kings 11	Failing to Finish

THE STORY OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

From division to destruction, 1 Kings 11 – 2 King 25

1 Kings 12-14	Kingdom Doubly Divided
1 Kings 17	The Widow's Story
1 Kings 18	Make Your Choice
1 Kings 22	God's Word is True, Like It...
2 Kings 2	Tests of Commitment
2 Kings 4	God's Powerful Compassion
2 Kings 5	Wash and Be Clean
2 Kings 6	Open Our Eyes
2 Kings 9-10	Wrestling With Judgment
2 Kings 17	Thrust From God's Presence
2 Kings 18-19	The Test of Adversity
2 Kings 21	The Midnight Reign of Manasseh
2 Kings 22-23	Returning to the Word of the Lord
2 Kings 25	In Exile With Hope
Prophets	The Prophecies of the King
Matthew 1-2	The Birth of the King
Matthew	The Way of the King
Matthew 26-27	The Passion of the King
Matthew 24-25	The Return of the King