



Sunday 3rd September 2023

New series



**Worldly motives, Worldly outcomes
(1 Samuel 8:1-9:2)**

Worldliness is believing our culture has the solutions to our problems (8:1-7)

Worldliness is a pattern built over a long period of time (8:8)

Worldliness never brings us godly outcomes (8:9-9:2)

Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

The title of our series is “Seeking after God’s own heart.” What are your hopes or questions as we begin to explore the life of King David?

Worldliness is believing our culture has the solutions to our problems

Read 1 Samuel 8:1-7.

Notice how Israel was quick to tell God what He should do rather than ask Him what was best. In what ways do we do the same?

What was wrong with Israel’s desire for a king? What were they looking for?

What are the worldly influences in our lives and churches today?

How do we guard against being influenced by the world’s values over God’s?

Worldliness is a pattern built over a long period of time

Read 1 Samuel 8:8.

What was God revealing to Samuel about the pattern of behaviour that Israel had built over the years?

Why does each choice we make matter in terms of who we’re becoming?

Why is it beneficial to have others around us to help us see ourselves?

Worldliness never brings us godly outcomes

Read 1 Samuel 8:9-9:2.

What effect would a king like all the other nations have on Israel? What do worldly choices steal from us?

How is Jesus a giver rather than a taker? Praise him for his love & grace!

How might we pray for King Charles to reflect the values of Jesus?

Why do you think Israel refused to listen to Samuel and continue to demand a king like all the other nations (8:19)? Why was Saul the perfect choice (9:2)?

Pray that we would desire those things that bring godly outcomes & blessings in our lives.