



1 SAMUEL 7

SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- The ark is at Kiriath Jearim (7:2).
 - Why?
 - What does that say about Israel's priorities and relationship with God?
- The Israelites turn back to God (7:2).
 - What is Samuel's opinion of this turning?
 - How does Samuel define true turning back to God?
- How does the life and ministry of Samuel help us understand the gospel?
 - How is Samuel like Jesus? How many similarities can you list?
 - In what ways is Jesus like a prophet, a priest and a king?
 - How does Jesus' teaching compare to Samuel's? (e.g., Mark 7:20-23; 8:34-35)

- Samuel interceded for the people (7:5.9).
 - In what ways did Jesus intercede for his disciples while on earth? Can you think of some examples?
 - How is he interceding now? (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
 - How can we be sure that he will be heard?
 - Do we take comfort from his intercessions?
- What can we learn from the pursuit of the Philistines by the Israelites (7:11)?
 - It doesn't always seem like Jesus won the decisive victory on the cross. Why is that?
 - Why does God allow difficult circumstances in our lives and why does he give us hard things to do?
 - What has God given us/you to do?
- Samuel set up a memorial stone and named it Ebenezer (7:12).
 - Why did he do this?
 - In what way(s) should we take confidence from what God has done for us so far? (Romans 5:10; 8:32)