

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## INTRODUCTION TO 1 & 2 SAMUEL

### 1 Samuel 12:6-25

**Main Thought:** As we study the books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, we are going to discover the importance of trusting in the Lord and humbly obeying His Word.

#### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL

- 1) Samuel originally \_\_\_\_\_ as one cohesive story, by numerous authors and compiled around 960 BC.
- 2) A recap of the history of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Before the Book of Samuel, the Book of Judges showed how Israel \_\_\_\_\_ to remain faithful to their covenant with God.
- 4) This shows Israel's need for wise, faithful, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) The Book of Samuel provides an answer to that need and shows how the Israelites went from a group of individual tribes to a \_\_\_\_\_ with a king.

#### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Samuel and decline of Eli (1 Sam. 1-7)
- 2) The rise and decline of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 8-31)
- 3) The rise of David and the Davidic \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 16 – 2 Sam. 10)
- 4) David's \_\_\_\_\_ failure and its' consequences. (2 Sam. 11- 20)
- 5) Epilogue summarizing some of the events and themes of David's \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Samuel 21-24)

#### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord and humbly obey His Word.
- 2) Despite \_\_\_\_\_ and human evil, God is at work.
- 3) God will raise up a messianic \_\_\_\_\_ to lead His people.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Samuel and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. How would you outline the book?

3. Who are the main characters? What is something you learned about each one?

4. What do you see as some of the themes in the book?

5. Which chapter or verse stuck with you? Why?

6. What are some things you learned about God from the book?

7. What are some things you learned about human beings or yourself from the book?

8. What are some things you learned that you could apply to your life this week?