

GOD'S GOOD NEWS ABOUT POLITICS

Session 2: Choosing Jesus as King

Have you ever allowed Jesus to challenge your beliefs and practices? Right now, who would you say is King on the throne of your life?

PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 8:10-22 (NRSVue)

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day." ¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹When Samuel heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²²The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them."

My observations from the passage:

Other notes:

