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Valley Church
Week 15 – Only One King

Introduction:

Jeremiah 17:9

The People Want a King

Judges 17:6 & 21:25

1 Samuel 8:3; 5; 7-9; 19

The Israelites are in many ways a _____ (type, metaphor)

The Israelites reveal why we need a new and _____ covenant & King

"I have never yet found a text that had not a road to Christ in it, and if I ever do find one that has not a road to Christ in it, I will make one; I will go over hedge and ditch but I would get at my Master, for the sermon cannot do any good unless there is the savor of Christ in it." ("Christ Precious to Believers," Spurgeon, 1859).

The Big Idea

It is often a very human tendency to put ultimate trust in humans, when God alone is worthy of ultimate trust. Jesus alone is the worthy King. We honor human beings, but we worship Christ alone! Let's look to Him, as His New Covenant family, to lead us into God's greatest future for us, individually and communally!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. In the weekend message, we learned of Israel's desire to put their hope in a human king to lead them, rather than Yahweh alone (see 1 Samuel 8:1-19). Describe a time in your life when you misplaced your hope in a human authority or relationship. How did God use the situation to show you His trustworthiness?

Ponderings:

2. Why do you believe we (humans) have such a strong desire to place our hope in human leadership? Discuss...
3. How is it possible for us to appropriately honor human beings while reserving our worship and trust for God alone? What are the key differences between honoring people and worshiping people? Discuss...
4. What are some parallels between Israel's physical journey in the Promised Land and our spiritual journey today? What are some obvious differences now that we live under the New Covenant?
5. Jeremiah 17:9 says that apart from God, the human heart is "deceitful" and "desperately wicked." How does the new heart God gives us through the New Covenant serve to transform the way we think and live?

Promptings:

6. Can you identify an area of life in which you are trusting humans more than you are trusting God? If so, are you willing to re-focus your thoughts on the one and only King of kings and Lord of lords who is worthy of ultimate trust? Is there an action you can take to demonstrate this re-focus?