

## Study Aids

### Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

#### **Lesson 51**

##### Questions:

King Saul had set the wrong example for the people to follow, and as a result would be replaced with a new king. What had he done that was so bad he justified this punishment? Is this the same criteria in use when the coach of your favorite sports team is replaced?

What about the leadership of government or major corporations? Do we replace incompetent, corrupt, or weak leaders with new choices? Do we hold these replacements to the same high standard as before, or just go along with whatever happens?

Should we be judged by God if we fail to fulfill our responsibility in regard to the above?

The lives of King Saul and David are forever interconnected. Saul soon sees David as a threat to his kingship, and begins a life-long episode of trying to eliminate David. It could be said that Saul’s was a wasted life, because he spent it in pursuit of a perceived threat. Are we ever guilty of doing the same thing motivated by our own jealousy and hatred? Could it also be said that Saul did not fulfill his potential because he had lost sight of the purpose of his life? What was God’s purpose for Saul? Have you recognized God’s purpose for you yet?

##### Suggested reading for further study:

Read chapter 8, pages 134-141 and chapter 9, pages 152-164 of **Great People of the Bible**, (previously recommended in Lesson 45) for more on the relationship between Samuel and Saul.