

Rejecting the God Who Gives For A King Who Takes

1 Samuel 8

How do God's people often respond to fears and insecurities?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. When you are fearful and insecure, what god-replacements do you tend to turn to? (Be specific). What makes these particular god-replacements attractive to you? What are you hoping they will provide for you?
2. Where are you feeling the pressure to compromise your faithfulness to God? How can you resist this?
3. In what ways have you seen in others or experienced yourself the reality that god-replacements eventually end up taking from us and enslaving us?
4. How is Jesus a better king than all the other kings (god-replacements) we are prone to turn to? Be specific. Brainstorm ways that Jesus is superior to every other "king" we might turn to.
5. Spend time praying together and confessing your tendency to respond to the fears and insecurities of life by rejecting God and his call to be his distinct people. Ask him for grace to turn from stubbornly pursuing human solutions for security and peace, and instead, to look to him to be our king.