

# **Kingdom Renewal**

1 Samuel 12

*We are called to renew our allegiance to God as King because  
He is faithful and will not abandon us for his name's sake,  
but will we respond?*

1. Renewal starts with repentance
2. Renewal is motivated by the fear and love of God
2. Renewal is sustained by prayer and teaching

## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. How does the Bible compare our relationship with him like a marriage? What might be the benefit of Christian husbands and wives regularly renewing their covenant vows of marriage with Samuel's renewal ceremony with God?
2. How had God been a faithful king for Israel? According to v.12, what motivated Israel to ask for a king and turn away from God (v12)? How does Samuel help Israel to see the evil of their ways by asking for a king in v12? Why do you think that Samuel began with a defense of his own integrity?
3. Read v. 21. What are ways we can turn from God to worship false saviors and lords? What idols do you find yourself struggling not to worship and trust right now?

Consider the motivations given to renew our covenant with the Lord.

4. How do we see the fear of the Lord come to the Israelites with the thunder and rain over what they prized the most (their economy as farmers)? How does a healthy fear of the Lord motivate the believer's obedience (vv14-18)?
5. What solid basis for hope is found in v. 22? How does the Lord's never-failing love expressed in his promise to never abandon us help to alleviate fear (fear of judgment) and motivate you to renew your covenant with the Lord because of his grace?
6. Spend time praying and discussing what it would look like to apply this passage. What would it look like for us to turn back to the living God and worship him alone? Who is our focus as we seek to form daily habits and choices to live renewed Christian lives in the gospel?