

# 3 **1 Samuel 11; 13; 15**

## *UNFIT TO RULE*

1. Share a time when you or someone else you know only partially did what they were asked. What was the motivation behind their actions?
2. Pray for God to speak through his Spirit as you think about his scripture.
3. Briefly look at chapters 11 and 13, and summarise the narrative.
4. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-35.

5. What reasons are given by God for punishing the Amalekites? (v.2-3, 18; cf. Ex 17:8-16)
  
6. Saul defeats the Amalekites but all is not well. In what ways is Saul disobedient to God?
  
7. What answer does Saul give in verses 20-21 in response to Samuel's accusation of disobedience? What does this reveal of Saul's heart?
  
8. Note verses 22-23. What does Samuel mean and what do we learn about God in these verses?
  
9. Are there times in our lives when we promote our behaviour as 'doing it for God', but we have failed to submit to God in obedience? How can we discern when this is happening?

10. In verse 28, why is it important for God to remove his endorsement of Saul as king?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How does Samuel demonstrate obedience to God in his dealings with Saul and Agag?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Obedience to God was a vital part of the role of King. Compare Saul's example as king to Jesus' example as king, drawing on Philippians 2:3-11.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What role does obedience play in our faith in Christ today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What can we do to intentionally grow in our obedience and humility towards God?

15. Pray for each other.