

Cole Community Church Growth Groups
Study Questions for 1 Samuel 12:1-25
Week of November 27 – December 3, 2011

Samuel's Farewell Speech

Introduction: This is the transition from a spiritual leader or judge to a king for Israel at the people's demand. Samuel's message at this transition was the combination of a coronation address, a revival sermon, and a farewell speech. He pointed out the past sins of Israel, the greatness of their sin in asking for a king and then called for new dedication. A key theme in the address is *witness*.

The Witness of a Godly Leader (v 1-5)

1. What is Samuel doing as he shares about his accomplishments and faith? What does he also remind Israel of about the king?

The Witness of History (v 6-15)

2. In reviewing the witness of Israel's history, what is Samuel showing the people about their cycle of choices in these verses? What is the charge that Samuel gives Saul and the people at the end of this history lesson?
3. How does this passage 6-15 apply to us today in our walk with Christ?

The Witness of God's Power (v 16-18)

4. What is Samuel showing the people about prayer and God's power in verses 15 – 18?

The Witness of the Covenant (v 19 – 25)

5. What is the Covenant God had made with his people and what has been the effect of the people turning their back on God?
6. What is Samuel saying here about prayer and his final reminder to the people of Israel?
7. Talk in your group about the lessons of this chapter that apply to us today...what is Samuel telling us as we walk through each day?