

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Seven: 1 Samuel 13–14

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1. a) What caused the entire military of Israel to mobilize based on 13:1–4?

b) Do you think Jonathan was wrong or right in his attack at Geba and why?
2. a) Describe the forces of the Philistines based on 13:5–7 and 17–23.

b) Describe why this would cause such fear to the Israelites.
3. Do you think the Israelites' desertion and fear was justified? Why or why not?
4. a) Describe a time you have trembled with or run away from fear because of a situation that seemed overwhelming.

b) Were you justified? Why or why not?
5. List the reasons Saul offered the sacrifice in Gilgal before Samuel arrived.

6. Do you think Samuel was justified in his severe rebuke and future prophesy for Saul? Give thorough reasons for your answer.

7. Based on all of I Samuel 13–14, compare Jonathan and Saul in the following areas (give proof in your answers):

Bravery:

Dependence on the Lord:

Common Sense:

Military Achievements:

Response from Men:

8. From 14:16–19 and 36–39, what can you conclude about Saul's spiritual decisions? Back up your answer.

9. What command from Saul limited the full defeat of the Philistines?

Going deeper:

10. a) Why did Saul think his men were sinning by eating meat with blood in it? See Leviticus 17:10-12.

b) How do these verses in Leviticus point to Jesus Christ?

11. Despite Saul's spiritual failure seen in these verses, 14:47–52 reveal great military success. How can you apply this to your life?