

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 Eight: 1 Samuel 15

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1. Based on verses 1 & 2, what is Samuel's role in Israel's and Saul's life?
2.
 - a) What truth do you learn about God's command to destroy the Amalekites?
 - b) What truth do you learn about the saving of the Kenites?
 - c) Where have you seen these two truths played out in your life?
3. In what ways did Saul disobey God's command concerning the Amalekites?
4. What other lack of loyalty to God does Saul display in verse 12?
5.
 - a) Was Saul repentant when Samuel arrived? Give proof and verses in your answer.
 - b) How does Saul rationalize his disobedience?
 - c) Share how you've rationalized a sin you've committed.
6. Where have you tried to please God through sacrifices rather than through obedience?

7. What was the consequence of Saul's disobedience?

8. According to verse 23, how severe is disobedience to God?

9. Where in verses 24–31 do you see Saul's spiritual life continuing to weaken even though he confesses and seeks forgiveness? Be very thorough, looking at earlier chapters about Saul.

Going deeper:

10. a) What was the spiritual impact on Saul because he did not see Samuel again?

b) Who have you seen cut away from God like Saul?

c) Did you mourn like Samuel over this? Share this time.

d) What would make the Lord sorry about your life?