

- Opening prayer
- Opening discussion – what’s been going on this week in everyone’s life (10 minutes)
- Today’s scripture – (10-15 minutes)

Read 1 Samuel 8:4-7 (New International Version)

⁴So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead^[b] us, such as all the other nations have.” ⁶But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

Why did Israel want to be like all the other nations?

Why was this desire wrong in God’s eyes?

In what ways do we seek after the things of the world at the expense of what God has planned for us?

How do we reject God?

How can we put the things of the world in perspective and renew our focus on God?

- Prayer requests / closing prayer (5-10 minutes)
(not generally for broad requests or those outside the group – about things that are going on or on the heart of those present)
- EACH PERSON PRAY FOR ANOTHER IN THE GROUP – Last person close for the group
- When you finish, please send a quick text or email to info@come2crossroads.org
Let us know when you met, who was present and which study you utilized
Any commentary is great too ...
We want to keep track of who is “Thriving”