

# RL GROUPS

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## John 6

**14** After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." **15** Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

## 1 Samuel 8

**4** So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. **5** They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." **6** But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. **7** And 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. **8** As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you."



## Questions for Discussion

1. Read John 6:1-15 and 1 Samuel 8.
2. Why does Jesus refuse to be king?
3. Why doesn't God want the people to have a king?
4. What kind of king does Jesus actually want to be?
5. Why might our desire for power or control be out of touch with the desires of Jesus?
6. How did Jesus relate to power in his actions?
7. Related to this, in what ways should Christians spread the gospel, and in what ways should we not?

Take time to pray for for one another.