



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 055 - The Bramble Who Became King Judges 9

You don't have to read too far into the book of Judges to see the Israelites wanting a king to rule over them. And as one generation passed to the next that desire grew. In fact, it grew so strong that some of them were willing to make a murderous scoundrel like Abimelech their king.

- Why do you think they wanted a king so badly?
- What advantages are there in having a visible leader to follow?
- What disadvantages might there be?
- Do you prefer having a strong leader to follow, or are you able to live without one?

The Bible tells us the people of Israel wanted a king so they could be like all the other nations (1 Samuel 8:5) and not the distinct nation God called them to be. God also calls us to be a separate people that will serve as light and salt to a blind and dying world.

- What do you find to be the hardest aspect of standing out from other people and living as God's children?

In Jesus Christ, God has become a visible leader—a King who walked among us, taught us God's Word and even laid down His life to save us from our enemies. Though invisible to us since His Ascension, Jesus still comes to us through His Word and Sacraments to call us back, call us together, and to guide and direct us.

- How have you experienced Jesus' lordship in your life?
- How do we guard ourselves from being misled by false leaders?