

Week of October 12: 1 Samuel 19

A PLAGUE OF PROPHETS



Observation

1. Read 1 Samuel 19. What do you notice as your read?

2. What questions do you have?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text? Things to look for:

- repeating words and phrases
- Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
- contrasts and comparisons
- similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
- cause and effect relationships
- details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
- grammar
- larger themes in the passage
- key words and themes

2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. What does this passage tell us about God? What does it tell us about Saul?

2. In verse 23, God's Spirit comes on Saul and he prophesies. Compare this with 1 Samuel 10:9-11. How are these two instances similar and how are they different?

3. Why would God cause Saul to prophesy if he had rejected him?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. Do you think that there can be a danger of using giftings that God has given us for the wrong purposes? Why or why not? What might this look like in our context?

2. How do you think that we are called use our gifts to partner with God's purposes in our world today?

Suggestions for Prayer

Pray for friends and neighbours who don't know God.

Prayer for opportunities to use your gifts to glorify God.