

Sermon Title:
"Time For a Change?"
I Samuel 8-12

INTRODUCTION:

I. What We Think About Change When Our Commitment to God is Not a Priority

A. We don't think through what motivates our desire for change.

1. It is easy to assume that the way to deal with problem people is to instigate change.
2. It is easy to want change simply because we want what we think everyone around us has.

B. We don't think through the consequences of change.

1. Often by changing our circumstances we only exchange one set of problems for another.
2. Often God Does not answer our prayers because we are more interested in changing our world than we are in changing our hearts (8:18).
3. Often we miss God's best for us because we ignore the word of God since we are so bent on change (8:19-22).

II. How God Wants Us to Change

A. God wants to transform by His Spirit, sons of Kish into prophets and spiritual leaders.

1. What keeps us from God's desired change?

- a. Poor self image: "I am from the smallest tribe and my family is the least (9:21).
- b. A weak faith: God wants to change our heart (10:9).
- c. An unwilling spirit: When God calls we hide among the baggage (10:22).

2. What causes God's desired change?

- a. The Spirit of God comes upon us (10:10; 11:6).
- b. God touches our heart (10:9, 26).

B. God wants us to see change from His perspective. The desire for a king was sinful (12: 12, 19).

CONCLUSION:

The people realize that their motivation for change was wrong so they repent and recommit their lives to God.