

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

ISRAEL ON TRIAL

I SAMUEL 12:1-25

MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

- I. Trial #1 - Samuel: vs. 1-5
- II. Trial #2 - God: vs. 6-11
- III. Trial #3 - Israel: vs. 12-19
- IV. Samuel's Closing Argument: vs. 20-25

## Questions:

1. Why did Samuel need to defend his leadership, ministry, and character in front of all of Israel?
2. What strategy did Samuel use in defending God in vs. 6-11?
3. Describe the cycle or pattern of Israel's behavior demonstrated time and time again throughout the Old Testament? Do you have a cycle or pattern in your own relationship with God? If so, compare and contrast it with Israel's.
  - Israel's cycle: forget and reject the Lord; God punishes and disciplines them; Israel cries out for help; God delivers Israel; Israel rejoices; Israel forgets God
4. What was Israel guilty of and how did Samuel make this clear?
5. In Samuel's closing argument in vs. 20-25, what stuck out to you the most that was most meaningful and why?
6. In this new arrangement and leadership structure, what were the conditions Samuel laid out in order for this to work? Why are these important today in our relationship with God?