

I SAMUEL 9.1-10.16

1. We're introduced to **Saul** in 9:1-2. Write down as many things as you can find in these verses that we learn about him.
2. In verse 3, Saul set out to look for some donkeys. But by verse 14, instead of finding the donkeys, he found Samuel. In verses 3-14, there are a lot of normal, ordinary things that happened that led Saul to Samuel. List all of the things you can find that '**just so happened**' that, if they hadn't happened, Saul would not have come to meet Samuel that day. *(For example, if his donkeys hadn't gotten lost, he never would have met Samuel that day.)*
3. Look through verses 3-21. In your opinion, what are some **characteristics** that you see in Saul, whether positive or negative?
4. According to 9:16 and 10:1, what was to be Saul's **mission** as the leader of Israel?

According to 9:16b, why did God raise Saul up as leader of Israel?

5. After Samuel met Saul, what are some ways that Samuel showed **honor** to him in the last half of chapter 9?

6. Samuel told Saul that he would meet three different **signs** to prove that God had anointed him to lead Israel. Fill in the chart below about these signs.

SIGN	HOW MANY PEOPLE DID SAUL MEET?	WHAT DID THOSE PEOPLE SAY OR DO?	WHERE WAS THE LOCATION OF THE SIGN?
SIGN #1			
SIGN #2			
SIGN #3			

7. After Saul met the three signs, Samuel gave him some **commands**. What command did Samuel give to him in 10:7? What command(s) did he give him verse 8?

8. When Saul returned home to Gibeah, the people exclaimed, “What has come over him?” From verses 9-13, what ways do you see that the Lord had **changed** Saul?