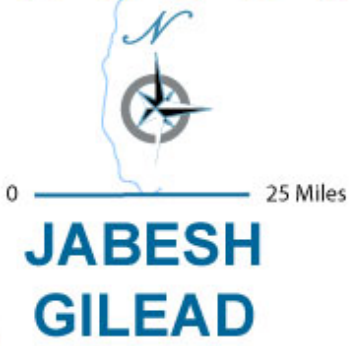


# RECAP

- **Saul chosen as 1<sup>st</sup> king of Israel**
  - **King ‘such as all the other nations have’** – from elite family, handsome, physically imposing (head taller than everyone else)
  - **Privately anointed by Samuel**- prophet of God
  - **Publicly selected by God through casting of lots** at national assembly
- **Reluctant to accept his calling**
  - **Multiple signs confirmed God’s calling**- personal interactions w/Samuel and 3 very specific signs he encountered in short amount of time



# CALLING DISCOVERED



- **God determines, we discover-** revealed through Bible, supernatural means, trial and error, still small voice, process of discovery; 'aha' moment
- **Saul-** leader of people/deliver from enemies
- **Us-** specific ways we cooperate w/God in His mission to redeem humanity and establish His Kingdom on earth

# CALLING CONFIRMED



- **By Holy Spirit**
  - Saul- selection by lots from *all* men of nation
  - Us- internal sense/feeling, supernatural means
- **Through People**
  - Saul- 'Long live the king'
  - Us- people who love God and love you
- **Through Circumstances**
  - Saul- 3 signs on his way back home
  - Us- often via opportunities
- **Expect resistance/opposition**

# CALLING DEMONSTRATED



- Reinforces calling
- Saul- mustering 330,000 troops, defeating Ammonites, rescuing Jabesh
- Us- fruit, wake- both tasks and people, wins

# ANOINTING



- **Consecrated**- set apart for; staying in your lane
- **Empowered**- enabled to act; gifted