

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you ever accidentally called a member of the family by another name?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read 1 Samuel 8. Why did Israel want a king?
 - a. What were Samuel's warnings about a king?
 - b. Did Samuel's warnings come true under the kings that followed?
3. Read 1 Samuel 10 and 1 Samuel 13:1-14. This was the first occurrence of King Saul not following instructions. What was different about this time?
 - a. Why was there an issue with Saul offering the sacrifices (See Leviticus 1)?
4. If we have grace through the cross, why do we need to be obedient to God?
 - a. Search the Bible with your group to find as many references in the New Testament that have a call to obedience.
5. What area of your life is God calling you to obedience?

- a. Is there anything that needs to change?

- b. If you feel comfortable share that with one or two members of your group and ask them to pray for you and help to hold you accountable.

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- God wants us to live a life of dependence on Him! To live in His will.
- God doesn't want our reasoned, half obedience. He wants total surrender.
- Partial obedience is disobedience.
- God wants our heart, FULLY surrendered. Our sacrifice, our obedience is a heart and life surrendered to God.
- No one has gained God's acceptance by perfectly keeping his commands. Commit to a life of obedience, but know you're saved by grace alone.
- When we remain in Jesus. When we do what he asks us to (To love God and love others), then there is joy in our lives!
- We are overcomers and we can live our life in the freedom that Christ brings!
- It is God's grace through Jesus Christ that saves us. Jesus died for our sins and defeated death that we could have new life in Him!