

Discussion Guide

Series: *Fear of the Lord, Wk3: Fear & Obedience*

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Big Idea

Fear the Lord and obey His commands.



Icebreaker

High School graduation is coming up in our area! Do you have a positive memory to share from yours &/or from your High School years (i.e. favorite activity you were involved in, favorite subject/teacher, etc.)?



Discussion Questions

1. Recap the story & situation of the Israelites leading up to Samuel's farewell speech (1 Samuel 12) including what they have asked for and why they are asking. Then read 1 Samuel 12:1-15. How does Samuel feel about their request & why? What is he trying to point out to them?
2. A main point in the sermon was (fill in the blank): *Knowing God, following Jesus, is meant to transform us and ch_____ us from the inside out.* Do you agree with this statement, why or why not? If "yes", could you Scripturally support that & if so, how? Share an example of how your own "Knowing & Following" has transformed you, or someone else you know, in this way.
3. Read how Samuel ends his farewell speech in 1 Samuel 12:23b-25. As you process this being an Old Testament passage while we currently live under the New Testament way, what kind of tension is there between *grace* and *obedience*? What does it mean, practically, for you to live under the Law of Love or the Law of Christ?
4. Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14. In your own words, what is going on here and what kinds of thoughts, on the part of Saul, are at play? Can you relate to &/or understand the decision/actions Saul took? Share a situation you may have been in where similar kinds of thoughts to Saul's were at play. What did you do & what was the result? What is something you can either learn from this "cautionary tale" of Saul &/or your own experience or that of others?
5. Re-read 1 Samuel 13:13-14. Fill in the blanks of the following main points of the sermon: *Sin has a r_____ effect. Our ch_____ affect those that we love. When we dis_____ God, we miss out on the life He has for us.* How does the 1st Samuel 13:13-14 reading demonstrate & support these main points? Do you have an unfortunate example from your own life where these points have been proven to be true?
6. Fill in the blanks for the main points regarding The Blessing of Obedience: *Obedience opens the door for us to be connected to J_____. Obedience opens the door for God's H____ Sp_____ to change us. Obedience opens the door for G____ to help us, to give us courage, and to provide for our needs.* What personal evidences may you have that would make any or all of these statements true?



Concluding Question

What is one response/change you need to pursue as a result of this sermon/discussion?

If you have not completed your Discovery Form, please consider doing so using the QR code to the right. Thanks!



Prayer

Pray for one another regarding your responses (which you may verbalize or not) to the Concluding Question.