

OBEDIENCE MATTERS

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1 SAMUEL 15:1-35

Introduction

1. _____

- God's _____

- Spirit _____

2. Avoid _____

3. Consider _____

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4. Genuinely _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Describe a time growing up when you disobeyed your parents. How was disobedience handled in your home?
2. Why is obedience to God such a big deal according to the following verses? Jeremiah 7:22, 23. Deuteronomy 6:6, 7. John 14:23. Philippians 2:8. Matthew 28:19, 20.
3. Read I Samuel 15:1-3. Why did God ask Saul to totally destroy the Amalekites? (See Deuteronomy 12:29-31 and 25:17-19.)
4. Read Deuteronomy 17:18, 19. What was an Israelite king supposed to do after taking the throne? What are the benefits of regularly spending time in God's Word and obeying it, according to: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 19:7-9; and II Timothy 3:16, 17?
5. Read John 14:26. How does the Holy Spirit often prompt us? How can we determine whether a prompting to do something specific (i.e. that's not explicitly in a Bible verse) is from the Holy Spirit or just an idea that we thought up?
6. What's "The 10-Second Rule" and why is it a wise rule to follow?
7. Read I Samuel 15:13-22. What two rationalizations did Saul make for his disobedience? What are some ways in which we excuse our disobedience?
8. Read I Samuel 15:23-28. What was the major consequence of Saul's disobedience? If we confess our sins and God forgives them, will he spare us from their consequences? Explain. Give an example from your own life of experiencing the consequences of disobedience.
9. Describe some consequences for disobedience that are "subtle and gradual"?
10. Who is Samuel referring to in I Samuel 15:28? Why was this guy considered "a man after God's own heart" if he was guilty of occasional flagrant disobedience? What do you learn from him about genuine repentance in Psalm 51.

PRAYER PROMPT: Using the CHAT Prayer card, set a timer for 2-5 minutes per section and pray through each of the sections (Confession, Ask, etc.). There are prompts in each section to help you get started. The CHAT Prayer Card is available at ccclife.org/discipleshiptools (hard copies also available at your campus).