

ICEBREAKER

When one “Googles” obedience it is surprising as to how many returns are dog related. Have you ever looked up something on the Internet only to get lost in the vastness of cyberspace? What’s your favourite website or topic to get lost in?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read together as a group: **1 Samuel 2:22-29 & 3:10-18.**
Take turns reading a verse at a time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Obedience is an attitude we have to learn to embrace. It’s not a trait we automatically acquire when we become Christians. Thankfully, the Bible gives us clear instructions on how to obey God, and Jesus provided us with a perfect example of submission to the Father.

- *“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.” — Romans 5:19*

Redemption, which is necessary because of the disobedience of man, is possible because of the obedience of Christ. Obedience is at the center of man’s problem and God’s solution.

In light of the verse and statement above, how does this impact or change the way you think about obedience?

- **How would your life be different if you knew Jesus was returning later today?**
(Did this question cause you to think about being obedient immediately?)
- Let’s review some of the message, “My Obedience” by reading the following verses to start:

The Woman at the Well

Challenge: John 4:10
Convicted: John 4:16-18
Changed: John 4:28-30

A Man named Zacchaeus

Challenge: Luke 19:5
Convicted: Luke 19:8
Changed: Luke 19:9

The Rich Young Ruler

Challenge: Matthew 19:21
Convicted: Matthew 19:22
Changed: No Change

- Obedience or a lack of obedience will have consequences. Obedience leads to great blessings and a lack of obedience can often lead to great disasters. Being obedient to a “change” God is asking you to act upon can often costs us something.

In what ways has being obedient to following God cost you? How did you obey and what was the cost? What was the blessing that came out of your act of obedience?

- To change is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign of growth. In our life, Jesus approaches us and He will do three things. He will Challenge us, He will Convict us and He will ask us to Change (REPENT). In the first two examples they rejoiced after changing. The third example the young man left sad. The difference between these examples was “Obedience” to the Lord’s Challenge by allowing Conviction to bring Change to their lives.

What area of your life has Jesus been speaking to you about - Challenging you - that you have felt Conviction and you know you need to change?

- As you follow God He will be asking you to change your mind. He will ask you to trust in His ways and not your own. To “repent” is to *respond* in *obedience* to God’s revealed will, placing your trust in Him.

What are you trusting God with - the first thing that comes to your mind? — Same question - what do you need to trust God with?

In your group closing prayer time, be sure to lift these victories and requests to God as a group.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is Jesus saying? Where is He asking you to trust Him? Where is He encouraging you these days? Where are you feeling His love in your life? What areas in your lifestyle and a habits is He speaking to you about changing?

What am I doing in RESPONSE?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

The challenge to each of us this week is to take a step of faith to trust God - to rise to the *Challenge* that is *Convicting* us to be obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to bring *Change* to an area of our lives so that our lives may bring glory to God.

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