

Sept 28/25 Saul's Downfall: How (Not) to Repent – 1 Sam 15

Small Group Questions

1. This passage begins with a hard-to-stomach command from God. Why do you think the Holy Spirit allowed difficult verses like this to be included in the Bible?
2. Saul's reaction to being confronted was denial, blame, and self-justification. Why do you think those responses are so natural to us? What keeps us from honest confession?
3. The sermon referred to Saul's failure as not just disobedience, but a denial of God's power. How might our own disobedience (even in small things) reflect a similar lack of trust in God's character or authority?
4. The sermon called God's judgment on Saul "merciful." Can you think of a time in your life when a loss, consequence, or redirection turned out to be God's mercy in disguise?
5. Karen shared a personal little story of selfishness and excuses, and how admitting the truth brought peace and healing. Is there an area in your life right now where God might be inviting you to stop justifying and start surrendering?