



# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

THIS WEEK: Barriers To Hearing Jesus - I Samuel 13:7-15; 15:7-24

## GETTING STARTED

- What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
- It's estimated that 90% of an iceberg is underwater and not seen. Many times in life, things tend to be far greater or worse than they initially appear. Share about a time when you thought you were simply fixing a small thing, but then it turned out to be something far greater? (*examples: car repairs, house repairs, job at work, etc...*)

## QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (I Samuel 15:7-24; 13:7-15)

- How did Saul fail to carry out the Lord's instructions? (15:1-3; 7-9)
- In I Samuel 15:10-11, what words and phrases reveal the depth of God's and Samuel's feelings around the choices Saul made? Contrast that with Saul's response in verses 12 and 13?
- Read I Samuel 15:12,15 & 24. How would you describe the things Saul was unaware of within himself?
- How is "thinking too little of yourself" still a form of Pride? (15:17)
- Samuel gets to the heart of Saul's problem in 15:22-23. How would you rephrase this in your own words? How do we sometimes offer God sacrifices rather than obeying Him?

## APPLICATION

- Saul's unawareness leads him to go through the motions of religious activity as enough. What might be one example of how you do religious activity, but it is disconnected from your heart and life?
- Saul was prone to justifying his actions though he was clearly disobeying God's command. Are you more prone to justifying your actions or admitting you are wrong when you make a bad choice and sin? Explain.
- What challenges keep you from slowing down your life to be with God and help cultivate a thriving, growing relationship?
- Take time to pray for one another.