

Immerse: Kingdoms

Obedience > Sacrifice (4.25.21)

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Selective obedience is just disobedience made to look respectable.

ICE BREAKER: What is an area where you struggle to maintain consistent obedience to what God wants in your life.

Read: 1 Samuel 15:1-9

- What did Saul's actions reveal about his heart?

Read: 1 Samuel 15:10-13

- God already determined Saul's fate, but Saul was oblivious. What is it that makes it so difficult for someone committing sin to see its corrosive effects?

Read: 1 Samuel 15:14-21

- When confronted, Saul deflected: "the army spared the best of the livestock." How do we deflect responsibility for sin when we are confronted?
- Then Saul tried to redefine obedience: "But I did obey the Lord" (v. 20). How do we redefine sin to try and make it look like obedience?

Read: 1 Samuel 15:22-23

- Why do you think obedience is more important than sacrifice to God?

Read: 1 Samuel 15:24-31

- Even when he acknowledged his sin, Saul was more concerned about how the people viewed him than how God viewed him. Are we more concerned about our reputation with people than we are our reputation with God?

Prayer: Ask God to give you a heart for obeying Him.