**WEEK 3 | 1 SAMUEL 11-15 | OBEDIENCE**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

We’ve all grown up with the image of the devil in a red suit with a pitchfork. How has this impacted your perception of who he is?

Read I Samuel 12:6-20

* In the context of this chapter, why was it so wrong for them to ask for a king?
* How were they self-deceived? Look up I Samuel 8:4-6 to help answer this.

Read 1 Samuel 13:1-15 and discuss the following:

* Describe the self-deception in this passage. What was their response when questioned about their actions?
* What were the consequences of their actions?
* Let’s get personal, we too can be self-deceived. What causes this? How does Satan play into it?

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23 and discuss the following:

* How was Saul disobedient in this passage and how did he attempt to justify his actions?
* What is an instance today where we might justify our actions?
* Are there consequences when we do this?
* What are some ways that we can be sure we aren’t being disobedient?
* According to 1 Samuel 12:20, can we still be forgiven?

**Application:**

What does it look like to give God total authority over our lives? Why do you think this is a struggle for all of us? How can you start giving God more authority over your life this week?

**Prayer Time**

Specifically pray about the issues we’ve talked about: making God the king of our lives in total surrender and obedience, praying for the Holy Spirit to show us areas in our lives where we are self-deceived.