

Series: Chasing After Empty Things, a study of 1 Samuel

Sermon: To God's Regret

Primary Text: 1 Samuel 13, 15

Discussion guide:

- How is being a disciple of Christ difficult?
- How is this an adventure?
- How is/can denying yourself be a greater adventure than getting everything you want?
- What does it mean to be a person after God's own heart?
- Read 1 Samuel 13
 - What was Samuel's sin?
 - Why did he do what he did?
 - Do his reasons make sense?
 - Read Proverbs 3:5-6 - how does this apply to this exchange?
 - Give an example of a time in your life where leaning on your own understanding was easier than obeying God?
- Read 1 Samuel 15
 - What reason does Saul give for his disobedience?
 - How is Saul's desire different from God's?
 - How can we strive to desire what God desires?
 - How do we know when our anger, sadness, happiness etc. reflects God's?
- Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23
 - What is Samuel's point here?
 - Does it matter here that Saul won the battle?
 - What matters most?
 - Why is obedience more important?