

# HOME GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sunday, April 14th, 2024

Chase After the Heart of God — Doug Horner — 1 Samuel 13-15

*Begin your study by reading these key passages as a group:*

*1 Samuel 13:8-14, 1 Samuel 14:6-15, 22-23, 1 Samuel 15:1-23*

## Head

*These questions help us understand who God is, who we are, what Scripture teaches, etc.*

- What stood out to you about the passage or message this week? Any further questions?
- When you think about some of the big picture themes from Saul's life, what things ultimately made him unfit to be the king of Israel?

## Heart

*These questions help us align what we know in our minds with what we believe in our hearts.*

- In 1 Samuel 13:8-14, Saul became impatient as he waited for Samuel to show up and give him instructions (see 1 Sam. 10:8), so he offered an unlawful sacrifice. In what ways can impatience cause us to act wrongly? Give examples of how impatience has affected your own life.
- In contrast to Saul, Jonathan was a man of daring faith in God. What does Jonathan's victory in chapter 14 teach us about living a life of daring faith in God?

## Hands

*These questions help us get practical with what we have learned.*

- In 1 Samuel 15, Saul was commanded to wipe out the Amalekites, but he kept the king alive as a trophy and let his men take the best of the spoil. Ironically, it's an Amalekite that ends up killing Saul later in life (2 Samuel 1:5-10) What might partial obedience look like in the day-to-day Christian life? What reasons might we have for only partially obeying God?

## Pray

*Since God speaks through His word, take time to respond through prayer.*

**Praise** – what has our passage taught us about God that we can praise/thank Him for?

**Confession** – what has our passage revealed that we need to repent of?

**Requests** – what requests can we bring to God on behalf of ourselves and each other?