

Find Your Calling

WEEK 3: God Always Honors Obedience

BIG IDEA:

Many of us find ourselves in the place where we ask, is it worth it to obey God? It can be discouraging when things don't go the way you expect them to go especially when you are trying to do the right thing.

KEY VERSES:

Haggai 2:15-17, 19 "Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the LORD's Temple. When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD. I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you do when things don't go the way you expected them to go?

Key Point #1: We all struggle with conditional obedience to God.

2. Is it worth it to you to obey God?
3. In what way(s) do you tend toward selective obedience when it comes to doing what God has told you to do?

Key Point #2: We don't obey so God will bless us, we obey because we love Him.

4. What has your heart right now? How does this show in your life?
5. Have you ever had a situation where God kept you from what you thought you wanted? What did He teach you through that experience?

Key Point #3: More than anything else, God wants your heart.

6. What can you do to make sure that God has all of your heart? What do you need to start putting first?

MOVING FORWARD:

Throughout history, God has honored two things: faith and obedience. Some of us have faith, but we aren't living in obedience. God said if you will be obedient, I will bless you. The foundational way to obey is to honor Him with your whole heart. What is the area of your heart that you need to give to God? Discuss as a group what tangible steps you could do to give God that area.