



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

What's Happening: [The Well Stars Fall Soccer Registration](#), [Cultivate](#), [Child Dedication Class](#), [Baptism Class](#), [Local Serve Opportunities](#)

Resources: [Why We Need to Talk About Obedience](#), [Jesus Did Not Die For 'Comfortable'](#), [Your Emotions Are a Gauge, Not a Guide](#), [Read the Bible with All of You](#), [The Watershed Issue in Every Generation](#)

Connect (30 Mins):

- If this is your last week meeting before summer, take some time to share some highlights during your time in Life Group this year. How have you seen God's hand move?

Discuss (30 Mins): 2 Samuel 6

- What stood out to you during the sermon?
- David, with high passion and low obedience, presumptuously attempted to bring the Ark into Jerusalem. However, instead of following God's instructions for carrying it, he approached it like the Philistines, and Uzzah died. Where in your life are you tempted to justify disobedience with good or seemingly spiritual intentions?
- Uzzah's death reminds us that God is not to be treated casually. How can familiarity with spiritual things lead us to treat God casually instead of with awe and obedience?
- Throughout John's writings, love for God is consistently connected to keeping His commandments and abiding in Him (John 14–15; 1 John 2–5). Why do you think Scripture refuses to separate genuine love for God from obedience to Him?

Apply (30 Mins): Embracing the Gospel Over Time

David's experience with the Ark, and the death of Uzzah, reminds us that genuine devotion to God requires both a sincere heart and faithful obedience. Good intentions alone are not enough. Even today, we are tempted to doubt His word and trust our own feelings or assumptions over God's commands. Read **1 Chronicles 15:13** aloud. David eventually realized the issue was not a lack of passion for God, but that they "did not seek Him according to the ordinance."

As you reflect on the different postures from the sermon (listed below), where do you most naturally drift and what do you think contributes to that drift in your life: the world, your preferences, convenience, familiarity, pragmatism, or something else?

- Low Heart for God + Low Obedience = Apathy.
- High Heart for God + Low Obedience = Presumption.
- Low Heart for God + High Obedience = Legalism.
- High Heart for God + High Obedience = Genuine Devotion.

Read John 15:1–11 aloud. Take a few minutes in prayer, asking the Lord to reveal where your love for Him and obedience to Him may be out of step. Reflect on what it means to abide in Christ rather than strive through your own effort. Obedience is produced by the Holy Spirit and growth takes time. Even in failure, there is grace to keep returning to Him. Afterwards, share where the Lord may be calling you to trust Him through obedience, despite how you might feel about it.

Close your time by reading **Psalms 1:1–3** and praying together, asking God to deepen your love for Him, strengthen obedience to His Word, and keep you rooted.

For Further Study:

Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 16:25, Matthew 7:21–23, Matthew 7:24–27, John 14:21, John 14:23–24, James 1:25, 1 John 2:3–6, 2 Peter 3:17–18