



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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What's Happening: [Serve at VBS \(Summerpalooza\)](#), [Premarital \(Merge\) Ministry Registration](#), [Local Missions/Serve Opportunities](#), [Grief Share & Kid's Grief Group](#), [The Well Stars \(T-ball\) Waitlist Registration](#), [Baptism Class](#), [Men's Breakfast](#)

Resources: [The Art of Listening to Sermons](#), [Tips for Studying the Bible](#), [Biblical Meditation Resource](#), [17 Ways to Meditate on Scripture](#), [Why Memorize Scripture?](#), [The Doctrine of Prayer](#)

Connect (30 Mins): This week marks the 40 day season of Lent. Discuss how your group might participate in Lent over the next 6 weeks, use the guide here for more information and ideas: [Lent](#)

Also, your leader has a notebook for you gifted by the Life Group Team for sermon notes through this series!

Discuss (30 Mins): 1 Samuel 12-14

- What stood out to you during this week's message? Look back to the observations and reflections you noted down prior.
- From the beginning, Saul shows little evidence of a heart that truly knows or seeks the Lord. If someone measured your spiritual life by how you spend your time, where your attention goes, and/or where your affections lie, what would it reveal?
- Saul occasionally inquired of God, but we never see him cry out like David does in the Psalms. If you're honest, is your prayer life reactive and situational, or relational and ongoing?
Follow up: Prayer is a gift, what steps might you take to grow in prayer? See [Doctrine of Prayer](#) resource above for further study.
- **Read Proverbs 3:5-8.** Saul led by impulse, numbers, and pragmatism. What examples can you think of in your own life where your spirituality seems more pragmatic than relational?

For Further Study:

- Proverbs 3:5-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Proverbs 4:20-22; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 3:16-17; John 15:1-11

Apply (30 Mins): Embracing the Gospel Overtime through His Word

As we see in Deuteronomy 17:14–20, God commanded the king of Israel to write out a copy of His Law so that he would learn to fear the Lord and lead in humble submission to the true King. Israel's earthly king was never meant to rule autonomously, but under the authority of God and His Word. Saul fails in this area. But just like Saul, though we are called as the people of God to submit to His Word, we often neglect spending time in it. In order to submit to it, we must know it. **When you think about Scripture, how often does its truth readily come to mind in daily life, or do you often struggle to remember what it says?**

Take an honest assessment of your life and ask how God's Word is truly shaping your thoughts, decisions, and relationship with Him. Challenge yourself this week to establish a consistent, prayerful rhythm of deeper engagement with God's Word so that it moves from something you occasionally read, to truth written on your heart. **Spend some time with your group today developing a plan** and come prepared to share it with the group, inviting accountability and prayer as you seek to grow. *See resources tab above for help on this. Or consider this simple tool:*

3x3: Grab a notebook. **Read** next week's **passage 3 times** throughout the week. Write **3 main takeaways** from the **passage**. Write **3 main takeaways** from the **sermon**. Come back next week ready to share.

Next's Week's Passage: 1 Samuel 15