

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 8, 2018

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the faithful man after God's own heart who became cursed for us so that by his grace we would be saved from the curse of sin.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 13:1-15

"For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.' Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for 'The righteous shall live by faith.' But the law is not of faith, rather 'The one who does them shall live by them.' Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." **Galatians 3:10-14**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Briefly recount the story from 1 Samuel 1-12. Who is the first one to lead Israel into battle against the Philistines? What was Samuel's instruction to Saul regarding the Philistine garrison at Gibeah? Reference 1 Samuel 10:5-8. How did Saul respond to the victory? How did the Philistines respond?
- Share a time when you encountered pushback when demonstrating and declaring the gospel. Discuss the following ways we can battle amidst our present spiritual warfare.
 - Know your enemy. (Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8)
 - Be aware of his weapons and schemes. (2 Corinthians 11:14, John 8:44)
 - Know the truth. (John 8:31, John 17:17; Ephesians 6:14, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
 - Know your Savior and Lord better than your enemy. (1 John 4:4)
- What is the difference between an unhealthy fear of people and a healthy fear of God? Discuss how God's love for us expressed in the gospel can destroy our paralyzing fear of people? Reference 1 John 4:18, John 15:9, Romans 8:1.

- What had Samuel commanded Saul to do at Gilgal? Reference 1 Samuel 10:8. Why does God sometimes make us wait?
- What were the excuses that Saul gave for his disobedience? Reference 1 Samuel 13:11-12. What parallels can you see between Adam and Saul? How is Jesus the second and better Adam? Reference Romans 5:12-21.
- How did God punish Saul for his foolishness? Discuss how the gospel sets us free from the curse of sin – the loss of position, privilege, and the presence of God. Reference Galatians 3:10-14, 4:4-5.