

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. If God pronounces judgment upon someone or a group of people, are we required to agree with his judgment? If so, should we also be willing to be used by God to notify the person(s) or enact the judgment? If yes, what makes it difficult to do so?

2. Look at 15:9. Evaluate what the author is saying in the verse. What is wrong with Saul's mindset (as well as the people)? What is a phrase that jumps out to you? Explain where they went wrong in their thinking?

3. Look at verses 22 and 23. In your own words, explain why obedience is better than sacrifice. Saul had stated that he had not rejected the word of the Lord whereas Samuel stated that he had rejected it. Is God's judgment upon Saul too harsh? Wasn't this just a one time lapse in judgment? What was Saul's issue?

4. If God's commands in Scripture are clear, then what is the issue? Why is obedience still difficult when the commands are clear?

5. When you hear the phrase 'partial obedience' what comes to mind? Is there an area or areas in your life where you think that maybe you have been 'partially obeying'? What are those areas and how do you change in those areas? What is the role faith plays in those changes?

6. Is it possible to COMPLETELY obey God in everything? If the answer is no, then where is the hope? Why should we even try to do so?
