

Growth Group Homework and Discussion Questions

For the Week of February 14-20, 2010
"King Me"

Homework:

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following..

Read Psalm 51:16-17; Proverbs 11:2; 16:18; 29:23; and James 4:6-10

- What do these verses say about God's actions toward pride? Humility?
- How do these verses apply to the story of king Saul in Sunday's message?
- Are there areas of pride in your life that God is speaking to you about as a result of these verses? What actions are you going to take in response to Him?

Growth Group Discussion Questions:

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

My Story: Who was your hero when you were growing up? How did you try to imitate him or her?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Samuel 8. This is the story of Israel asking for a king so they could be like all the other nations that surrounded them. Even though Saul was appointed king, this was not God's desire for His people. He wanted them to be set apart, obedient to His law, and as a result, different than the world around them. We can make the same mistake as the Israelites by trying to conform to the world around us.

What are some of the greatest pressures we face in today's world that try to mold us into something other than what God wants?

What are some ingredients found in the following Scriptures that, if mixed into your life, can help you resist that pressure to conform?

Joshua 1:6-9

Romans 12:1-2

1 Peter 1:13-16

James 4:4-8

Living It:

Read 1 Samuel 13:1-15. If you put yourself in Saul's shoes, do you think you could have obeyed God by waiting for His timing?

Read the following Psalms to get an idea of how important it is to simply wait on God

Psalm 27:11-14; 37:7; 40:1; 130:5-8

- When do you find it difficult to wait on God?
- What helps you wait on Him?