

Growth Group Leader's Guide

For the Week of May 23-29, 2010
"An Unlikely Choice"

Announcements:

- Our Prayer and Praise Night was a powerful time of seeking God and asking for His power and plan to be revealed among us. These times of corporate prayer are vital for the growth and advancement of our church. Please encourage your group members to attend the next gathering on June 21st at 7 p.m.
- Please email your attendance and a brief summary of your meeting each week to pastorlarry@ccsalem.org.

Homework:

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

Read 1 Samuel 15

List the reasons that God rejected Saul as king of Israel. What does your list reveal about what God looks for in His servants? Is there anything on your list that you struggle with as well?

Growth Group Discussion Questions:

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

My Story: I was (or would have been) voted "most likely to _____" in high school.

Digging Deeper:

1. The Israelites thought Saul was the best man to be their king. On what qualities did they base their choice (see 1 Samuel 9:2; 10:20-24)?

(He was impressive, without equal, tall, no one like him among all the people)

2. What does the Israelites choice reveal about their motives for having a king?

(They were enamored with the outward appearance. They wanted to be like other nations, so they probably wanted a king that looked the part)

3. Based on 1 Samuel 15:20-23, what do you think was the central reason for Saul's failure?

(He failed to obey God completely)

4. What does that tell you about what God values in His servants?

(God desires servants who will obey Him fully no matter what He asks of them)

Living It:

1. Pastor Larry shared three qualities of a heart that God looks for. Do those character qualities get us very far in the world? What does the world value?

(The world values image, success at all costs, beauty, power)

2. Which of the three qualities do you need to develop the most and what will help you do that?
3. God looks at your heart - does this fact change the way you see yourself? Does it influence your priorities? How?
4. Since God looks at other people's hearts, how does that affect your attitude toward them?