

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal the truth and continue the work he began in each person.

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** The hardships that surround us can tempt us to disobey what God has instructed us to do, but God is our hope.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Back in Chapter 10 Samuel anointed Saul as King, everything happened as Samuel said and now we come to the last instruction Saul was given. Read 1 Samuel 10:8**
 - What was the instruction?
 - Why did Saul have to wait for Samuel?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 13:1-5**
 - How does it look for the Israelites at this moment against the Philistines?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 13:6-8**
 - What were the different actions the Israelites took when hardship surrounded them?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 13:9-12**
 - What were the reasons Saul disobeyed God's instructions?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 13:13-15**
 - What is Saul missing out on because of his disobedience?
 - What characteristic is God looking for in a king?
 - How many men did he start out with and now how many does he have?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 13:16-22**
 - Does it look good for Israel?
 - Can they win on their own?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
 - What was so bad about Saul sacrificing before Samuel showed up? Didn't he have good reasons?
 - What does it look like to be a man after God's own heart?
 - What does the phrase "Putting God In An Equation" mean and how do we see it live out here?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What surrounding situations cause us to stumble into sin?
 - What are ways we can combat falling into sin when hardship comes?
 - What is one thing you need to start doing to be a person after God's own heart?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an "I will" statement
 - I will _____
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Don't forget to text Kevin what your outreach project is so we can pray for your group.**