

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:** God is our ultimate authority and we should fully obey His instructions, but when we sin we should truly repent.
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
 - **Read 1 Samuel 15:1-5**
 - What is Samuel trying to get across to Saul in vs. 1?
 - What did God want Saul to do with the Amalekites? Why?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 15:6-9**
 - How did Saul disobey God's instructions?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 15:10-16, 17-21 (Have two people read)**
 - How did Samuel react to the news of Saul's disobedience?
 - Why did Saul disobey?
 - What does the phrase "the LORD your God" tell us about Saul's relationship with God?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 15:22-31**
 - How was God going to punish Saul?
 - Was Saul showing true repentance?
 - **Read 1 Samuel 15:32-35**
 - What did Samuel do to complete the mission from God?
 - What was the end result of Saul's relationship with Samuel and God?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, "what stood out to you from the Bible?")**
 - What are the outcomes that we see in the Bible when we decide to please fellow men over God?
 - Why is it important to have people like Samuel in our lives?
 - What does it mean to truly repent from sin?
- **NOW WHAT?**
 - What are you holding onto that God wants you to give up or surrender fully to Him?
 - What are ways we can combat falling into sin when hardship comes?
 - What is one thing you can do this week to show full obedience to God?
 - What is one way you grew closer to God this semester?

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**
- **Party Week is NEXT WEEK**
- **Are you helping out with Eggspllosion or Easter Sunday? This is a great opportunity for us to serve those that do not know God.**