

Discussion Guide -- “In Tune With God”
Week of June 17, 2018

Read 1 Samuel 13:13-14; 15:22; 16:1-13; Acts 13:22

- When we first read 1 Samuel 13:1-14, it seems that Saul is the one who acted wisely while Samuel was the one who was irresponsible. You must look deeper to see that Saul’s actions demonstrate a lack of trust in God – who was Israel’s only hope to begin with. Saul looked good on the outside, but his heart was not in tune with God.
- It is so easy to assume that God will be happy if we simply make a show of faith through religious actions – but that does not please God. What does God really want (1 Sam. 13:13-14; 15:22; 16:7)? In what ways did Saul fail to do this? Why was God so upset at him?
- David is described as being a man “after God’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22). What do you think it means? Do you know anyone you would consider to be a person “after God’s own heart” or “in tune with God?” What is it about them that makes you say that?
- Look at what God said in 1 Samuel 16:7. God obviously has an advantage over us when it comes to judging / evaluating people’s hearts. We can’t see a person’s heart, thoughts or motives so we need to be very careful in “judging” others. How can we be more like God in evaluating people? What tips does Jesus give about this in Matthew 7:15-20? How could this help?
- Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to show you the primary lesson or truth He wants you to grasp from these passages. What is the lesson / truth? How can you apply that lesson or truth to your life? A lesson isn’t much good unless you put it to action and do something about it. What will you do about that lesson or truth today? This week? What changes will you make?