

Sermon Discussion Guide

October 16, 2022

READ

Read 1 Samuel 28 and 31 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- There is a difference between using God and serving God, and a difference between religion and repentance. (This is a great place to use the *Reflect Question* below.)
- God never tells me that I won't fail at anything; what he tells me is that in all things, success or failure, he will sustain me.
- Unrepentant sinners die a terrible death. Saul gives us a picture of someone dying without God—religious, but utterly destroyed.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. List out some differences between using God and serving God.
2. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8–15. What is the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow? How can we avoid the one and cultivate the other?
3. Does genuine repentance equal sinless perfection? What's the difference?
4. Step back and consider the rise and fall of Saul in the book of 1 Samuel. What is the narrator trying to teach us about God? What is he teaching us about us? (See *Reflect Question* below).

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: What does God's work in Saul's life teach us about him?<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: What area of your life needs active repentance?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: What is something from this passage that God is prompting you to share with someone in your life?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to deliver us from becoming a church that uses him and grow us into a church that worships him.<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to grant us wisdom to know what genuine repentance is and to practice it.<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to help us become a group that cares about each other's long-term maturity in Christ.