



How Do I Lead ~~Others~~ Myself?

How to Lose a Kingdom – 4/26 Talk

This is a very different time for Public Church as we navigate how to remain in Community while also submitting to our government's guidelines for dealing with COVID 19. I'm going to be sending questions based on our video talks during this time that you can still walk through with your group. I would encourage you to maintain your normal meeting day and time. Then, just walk through these questions on Slack by posting one question at a time and asking your members to respond as a discussion thread to each question. Or, if you have a group that is able, **Zoom** would be a great App to have a video discussion together!

- Remind your group to watch the talk from Sunday if they haven't already before your scheduled meeting time!
 - Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read 1 Samuel 9:1-2
 - What does this passage tell you about Saul?
 - What do you think others saw in Saul?
 - What do you think Kish (Saul's father) saw in Saul?
- Read 1 Samuel 9:21-22
 - What does Saul see in himself?
 - Why do you think he sees himself this way?
 - What does Samuel see in Saul?
 - Have you ever felt insecurity?
 - Is it easy to overcome?
 - Is insecurity always based on truth?
 - Have you ever seen potential in people that they couldn't see in themselves?
 - Has someone ever seen potential in you that you didn't see in yourself?
- Read 1 Samuel 10:8-27
 - Have you ever had people feed your insecurities?
 - What is your defense mechanism?
 - Humor, self-deprecation, shutting down, lashing out...
 - How does this affect you long-term?
- Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14
 - Have you ever grown impatient with God?

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- Do you have more trust in your own ability to lead in your life or in God's?
 - How can you know the truth of this answer? (How often do you wait and pray compared to how often you charge ahead with your own decisions?)
 - Have you ever blamed others or your circumstances for your own bad decisions?
 - What does this reveal?
 - Why do you think this ended Saul's anointing to lead as Israel's king?
- Read 1 Samuel 15:9-30
 - Have you ever felt that you could keep secrets from God?
 - Have you lived as if He didn't know something?
 - Why is confession to God important?
 - Is it because He doesn't know something you've done till you tell Him?
 - Have you ever chosen the popular route over the right one?
 - Why?
 - Looking back, what would you do?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:6-16
 - What should have more power, what people say or the truth?
 - In reality, do we give more power to what people say sometimes?
 - Why do we do that?
 - Do you ever struggle with jealousy?
 - What about when someone at your work is honored and you don't think they deserve it?
 - What if you know that you have worked harder than them?
 - This isn't the only time Saul tries to kill David:
 - 1 Samuel 18:21-27
 - 1 Samuel 19:9-10
 - 1 Samuel 19:11-23
- How do you see Saul lose his kingdom?
 - Can you struggle in the same ways that Saul did?
 - What will you do about it?
 - What do your insecurities look like through the lens of the Cross?