



Life Group Discussion Guide

June 1: 1 Samuel 13 --- The Heart of Excuses

Icebreakers:

What is the funniest or most ridiculous excuse you've ever made (or heard someone else make) for not doing something?

Discussion Questions:

Leaders: Choose any of the concepts below that you think would be helpful for your group to discuss.

1. Letting Emotions Drive Disobedience

- **They** – Why do others allow emotions like fear, anger, or pride to justify disobedience? What lies do they believe that make disobedience feel like the only option?
- **We** – How have we learned to recognize emotional manipulation in ourselves and choose obedience instead?
- **Me** – What emotion tends to convince me to ignore God's command? How do I talk back to it?
- **I** – What change must I make in how I respond to my emotions in moments of temptation?

2. Blame-Shifting and Excuses

- **They** – In what ways do people commonly blame others (leaders, circumstances, culture) to justify sin? Why does this seem so reasonable?
- **We** – What does it look like when we own our disobedience instead of deflecting it? How has this shaped our community?
- **Me** – Who or what do I often blame for my disobedience (e.g., stress, people, lack of time)? What would it look like to take full ownership?
- **I** – Where do I need to stop making excuses and confess honestly before God and others?

3. Waiting and Trusting God

- **They** – Why do people struggle to wait on God, especially in crisis? How do they try to "force" God's hand?
- **We** – How have we practiced trusting God's timing, especially when it seems like He's late?
- **Me** – When have I rushed ahead instead of waiting on God? What triggered that impatience?
- **I** – How can I develop a more resilient trust in God's timing? What rhythms or habits need adjusting?

4. Heart vs. Performance

- **They** – How do others confuse religious performance with actual spiritual maturity or love for God?
- **We** – What keeps us centered on loving God with our whole hearts, not just going through motions?
- **Me** – Where in my life am I doing the "right" things without the right heart?
- **I** – What steps will I take to pursue God sincerely rather than perform spiritually?

5. Responding to God's Confrontation

- **They** – Why do some people dig in with excuses rather than repent when confronted?
- **We** – How do we foster a culture where confession and repentance are more common than defensiveness?
- **Me** – When I hear, "What have you done?" from the Holy Spirit, do I deflect or submit?
- **I** – What do I need to repent of today without adding an explanation or defense?

6. Saul vs. David: Loving Anointing vs. Loving God

- **They** – How do others love their calling or reputation more than they love God?
- **We** – How do we keep love for God central, even in our leadership or service?
- **Me** – Am I more concerned with losing status or pleasing God? What does my motivation reveal?
- **I** – What shift in affection or focus do I need to make to love God more deeply?

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Advance the Kingdom: We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go "All In" on Project Advance. Learn more here: <https://lcc.org/advance/>**
- **Kids Week:** June 2 – 5. 6:30 – 8:30pm.
- **Men's Softball:** June 9 – 28. Black Bob Park. Cost \$40.
- **Kids Camp: June 22-24. 2 – 5 graders. Youthfront.**
- **Middle School Camp: June 25 – 28. Youthfront.**
- **High School CIY Move: July 7 – 12.**

Local Serving Opportunities:

How can your Life Group Hear, See and DO the Word? Here are a few opportunities:

Firm Foundations Prison Ministry – For more info, contact Matt at matt@firmfoundationsministries.org.

- Top needs: Training Spanish-speaking brothers to lead and shepherd men on the inside. Funds are needed to take the men through a 64-week training program.

House of Hope KC – For more info, contact Amy Burgess at amy@houseofhopekc.net.

- Spanish Tutors
- Language Arts Tutors
- Office Assistant, Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 AM