



The Gospel Of Mark

Home Group Discussion Guide

Disobey And Pay

Mark 1:40-45

ICEBREAKER: Do you believe ignorance is bliss? Why or why not?

OVERVIEW: Christianity teaches that salvation is by faith, not works. As well, it teaches that no matter how many times you fall short and miss the mark, if you confess and repent Jesus will forgive you. Why then does it also stress the absolute necessity of obedience? In Mark 1:40-45 we learn that obedience interferes with God's plan. In other words, obedience is important because God's plan for your life is dependent upon your obedience to His word. Let's go deeper with the importance of obeying God.

1. Read Mark 1:40-45. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-29.
 - a. What did God command Saul to do?
 - b. Was Saul obedient? Explain.
 - c. Why do you think Saul disobeyed God?
 - d. How did Saul's disobedience affect his future?
3. How might your future be ruined if you aren't careful to obey God?
4. What are some of the other consequences of disobeying God?

5. How has disobedience affected your life? Are you still paying for past sins? Explain.
6. How has God blessed your obedience?
7. What does it mean that we are not saved by obedience, but to obedience?
8. If we are not saved by good works, and if God promises to forgive us no matter how many times we disobey, then what is your strongest motivation for obedience?
9. In which areas of your life are you tempted to disobey God? What can you do to grow in obedience in these areas?
10. Sometimes temptation has to be resisted, but sometimes it can be avoided. What can you do to avoid temptation as much as possible in the areas where you are the weakest?

The Last Word: Are you living in disobedience to God in any area of your life? If so, ask God to give you the desire and the power to obey Him. Remember that God's plan for your life is dependent upon your obedience to His word.