

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From the King of My Heart Series: “God is NOT a good luck charm” Our Text for the Week of 5.30: 1 Samuel 4

Who is the real King of your heart? We continue answering that question in part four where Israel suffers a tragic loss of soldiers and the ark of God. In 1 Samuel 4, we find God’s people charging into battle against the Philistines based on bad decisions and bad assumptions. Their loss will be our gain if we ask and answer the right questions from God’s Word. Read 1 Samuel 4.

We learn from Israel’s mistakes that we need God’s help:

Giving our whole lives to God and not just the leftovers

Growing in our love for God because of His love for us

Getting below the surface with God in a closer relationship

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What was Israel’s mistake in the first battle with the Philistines?
2. At what point do you seek God’s wisdom in your decision-making?
3. How do you decide which decisions should be brought before God?
4. What was Israel’s assumption in bringing the ark into their camp?
5. What does it mean to love the things of God more than God Himself?
6. What are some things of God that you put before God Himself?
7. What was Israel’s mistake in the second battle with the Philistines?
8. Do you assume that your good with God based on outward appearances?
9. Is it possible to live off the past memories of God’s blessings? Why or why not?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to live more surrendered to God this week?

How will I pray and live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: