

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From the King of My Heart Series: “When Hearts are Divided”

Our Text for the Week of 6:13: 1 Samuel 5–6

Who is the real King of your heart? We continue answering that question in part five when the ark of God was being held captive by the Philistine people. To them, the ark was more than a spoil of their victory over Israel. They moved the ark into their place of worship as one of several idols to be worshiped. What does this teach us about their hearts and what will it teach us about our own hearts? We see how God responds when our hearts are divided. Read 1 Samuel 5:1–12.

When our hearts are divided in worship, God will help us:

To see the idols that are present in our lives

To surrender those idols at the feet of Jesus

To seek Jesus as the first love of our lives

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. When you think of an idol, what normally comes to mind?
2. What would you say are your “idols” and why is it hard to spot them?
3. Do you think you can hide your idols from God?
4. Do you think your idols are greater than God?
5. How do you break bad habits or abandon things that have become an idol?
6. The ark’s presence brought panic in the city. What does it mean to fear God?
7. Does God’s hand afflict individuals similarly today?
8. Do you know how much you are loved by God?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to experience more of God’s love this week?

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

Notes & Reflections: