

Small Group Questions from January 9, 2022

Read Text: 1 Samuel 7

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. Bob noted that the people in 1 Samuel 7 are beginning to lament their sin, not merely its effects. What might this mean, or what is the difference between lamenting sin and lamenting merely its effects? Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11. Of the distinguishing features of godly-sorrow, which one stands out to you, and why?
3. Bob defined repentance as a change of mind, affection, and direction. How do you see repentance play out in our thoughts, desires, and lifestyle? When you repented and turned to Christ in faith how did you experience a change in mind, affection, and direction?
4. Bob stated that “repentance without commitment to God will result in substituting one idol for another.” What might this mean? What are some examples of idols that we “accept” in the church? How do we settle for trading sinful desire for more “acceptable idols” at times?
5. The text demonstrates that turning to God is marked by taking God’s Word to heart. What does it mean to “take God’s Word to heart”? What are some areas of God’s Word that you have struggled to “take to heart”? Why?