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Small Group Discussion Guide

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1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I challenged us to move beyond treating the Bible as a religious book and start treating it as the living, breathing word of God -- the ultimate authority in our lives. True obedience to God isn't about following rules out of obligation; it flows naturally from a heart that genuinely loves him. When we love God deeply and obey his word consistently, we position ourselves under what I called "the spout where the glory comes out" -- right in the path of God's supernatural blessing and increase.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

1 John 5:3 (The Passion Translation)

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time someone gave you advice you really didn't want to follow -- but you followed it anyway and it turned out to be exactly right. What happened? (Keep it light and fun -- this is just to get the conversation going!)

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Getting Honest About Obedience

I said in the message that we often say we believe God is smarter than us, but we act like we know better. Can you think of an area in your own life where that tension shows up? What makes it hard to fully trust God's word over your own instincts?

2. Love as the Motive

I drew a big distinction between obeying God out of obligation versus obeying him out of love. In your own experience, what does obedience driven by love feel like compared to obedience driven by duty or fear? Does the motive really change the outcome?

3. The Word in Your Daily Life

I mentioned that the average Christian reads only two or three Bible verses a week, and that you genuinely cannot know God apart from his word. Without putting anyone on the spot, how would you honestly describe your current relationship with Scripture? What's one thing that gets in the way of spending more time in it?

4. When God Asks the Hard Thing

I shared personal stories -- leaving corporate America, ending a relationship -- where God asked me to do something I really didn't want to do. Has God ever clearly nudged you toward something uncomfortable? How did you respond, and what did you learn from it?

5. Rebellion and Stubbornness

The warning from 1 Samuel 15 was sobering -- that rebellion is likened to witchcraft and stubbornness to idolatry. That's strong language! In practical, everyday terms, what do rebellion and stubbornness toward God's word actually look like in a person's life? How can we recognize those patterns in ourselves before they take root?

6. Obedience and Experiencing God's Love

I made the connection that the more you obey God, the more you experience his love -- and the more you experience his love, the more empowered you are to obey again. Have you ever experienced that cycle firsthand? What broke it open for you, or what do you think might be keeping you from entering it?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, pick one specific command or principle from Scripture that you know applies to your life right now but you've been putting off or avoiding. Write it down on a card or in your phone. Pray over it each morning, asking God to give you a love for obeying it -- not just the willpower. Then take one concrete, measurable step toward acting on it before your group meets again. Come ready to share what you chose and how it went.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a genuine love for God's word -- that the Bible would become the most treasured and authoritative

voice in each group member's life, not just a religious habit.

- Pray for courage to obey in the hard places -- that God would identify one specific area where each person has been holding back, and that he would soften hearts and strengthen resolve to take that step of obedience this week.

- Pray against the spirit of stubbornness and rationalization -- that God would expose any area where we are making excuses, dressing up disobedience, or putting our own judgment above his word, and that he would replace that with humility and trust.

7. MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Leader tip: Don't feel pressure to get through every question. Watch the room, follow the conversation where the Spirit leads, and trust that even one honest, heartfelt exchange is worth more than checking every box. You've got this!