

Foundations

Week Four: Obedience

Connect Group Guide - 10.12.25

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

- Selective obedience is actually disobedience in disguise.
- Some of God's blessings are conditional upon our obedience.
- Full obedience to God is essential, not optional.
- Disobedience often starts with small compromises and rationalizations.
- God desires obedience more than sacrifice.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. Pastor Mike mentioned "selective obedience." Can you think of areas in your life where you might be practicing selective obedience?
3. How do you respond to the idea that some of God's blessings are conditional? Does this challenge your view of God's grace?
4. The message used the example of tithing as an area where many Christians struggle with obedience. What other areas do you think Christians commonly struggle with obedience?
5. Reflect on a time when you were fully obedient to God, even when it was difficult. What was the outcome?
6. How can we discern between God's voice and the "whispers" of temptation that lead us to compromise?
7. Pastor Mike emphasized that obedience is better than sacrifice. What do you think this means practically in our daily lives?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one area in your life where you've been partially obedient. Commit to full obedience in that area and share your experience with the group next time.
2. Start a journal to track your obedience journey. Note the challenges, victories, and lessons learned.
3. Find an accountability partner within the group to help you stay committed to full obedience.
4. Memorize a Bible verse about obedience (e.g., 1 Samuel 15:22 or John 14:15) to reinforce Pastor Mike's message.
5. Pray daily for God's strength to help you be fully obedient in all areas of your life.

Closing Prayer:

End the session by praying for each other, asking God for the strength and wisdom to live lives of full obedience to Him.