

CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



WARM UP

1. If you were given a set of rules to follow on a job or at work...

a) Would you tend to be a rule enforcer, a rule follower, or a rule breaker?

b) Would you follow the "letter of the law" or the "creative application" of the law?

2. Share a situation in your own life when obeying God seemed foolish or even painful, but when you obeyed, the outcome was good...

DIGGING DEEPER

3. If Pastor Randy had to give a 5-minute version of the message Sunday, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?

4. We looked at the obedience of the blind man in John 9, and observed several different obstacles to obeying God.

a) Which of these do you think is most common obstacle among Christians? Why?

b) Which is the greatest obstacle to prevent unbelievers from obeying God?

c) If you had to identify with one of these obstacles, which would it be? Why?

5. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-29 which is one of the greatest pictures of disobedience in the Bible. Saul is commanded to execute the judgement of God on a wicked people who had attacked Israel when they came out of Egypt. But Saul did not obey God and the consequences were terrible.

a) What did God command Saul to do and how did Saul disobey?

b) What obstacles or excuses prevented trust and obedience in this story?

c) Based on the text, what do you think was the core reason Saul disobeyed?

d) What is the greatest reason to obey God in this passage?

e) Read John 14:21-23. Jesus says obedience is a product or display of our love of God. How does that relate to God's delight in obedience?

6. James 2 talks about the reality that faith without works is worthless. We know those "works" are acts of trust and obedience.

a) What areas in your life do you personally have the hardest time obeying God?

b) If a failure to obey comes from a lack of faith, why do you have trouble believing God in this area?

c) Are you currently struggling to trust and obey God in a situation in your life?