

HCC LEADER'S GUIDE

(PORTIONS TAKEN FROM MARK MOORE'S LEADER'S GUIDE)

Social time – meet and greet each other

Video – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

Starter questions

1. Can anyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (A: 1 Samuel 16:7)
2. What do you think of when you hear the phrase "Kingdom of God?"
3. Do you believe in your heart and mind that God is King (sovereign)? Eph.1:20-22, Dan.4:34
4. Have you ever judged others based on outward appearances rather than their hearts?
5. What would it look like to stop treating Jesus as a role model/mentor and start serving Him as your sovereign King?

Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core

1. 1 Samuel 15-16. What stood out to you as you read about the fall of one leader and the selection of the next? Compare their hearts' desire? Have you ever placed your own desires above that of your sovereign King? Why?
2. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on Judges 21:25; 1 Samuel 8:1-18; & 1 Samuel 13:14? Why did God's people so desperately want an "earthly king" to rule over them? Why were the people willing to give up their freedoms and privileges to serve an earthly king?

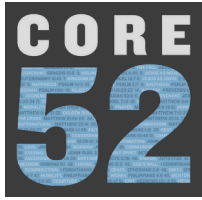
Group Discussion

1. How have you seen power corrupt leaders? Why do you think it corrupts some but not all?
2. When examining the leadership of David and Saul, what are some critical differences? What happens when we place self-interest and self-motivation above God's commands?
3. What made David, "a man after God's own heart," even though he was flawed? What lesson does this offer for you and me?
4. As servant leaders in a Kingdom that has Jesus as King, what are some attributes of our King that we can add to our faith to become better followers so we can become better leaders? (2 Peter 1:5-8)

Application for the Week

1. On page 51 under Day 5, you were challenged to discuss with a friend or mentor the 3 fatal flaws of Saul and the 4 characteristics of Jesus' leadership style (see back of this page), and what similarities they saw in your life. Did anyone have this conversation? How did it go?
2. What change are you making based on what they said?

Pray – ask God to help everyone in the group live out the lesson in their life



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Notes for Leaders – not to teach, but keep these handy in case they come up in discussion. The author identified the following:

The 3 Fatal Flaws of Saul (page 47)

1. People's opinions were more important to him than God's command;
2. Saul promoted himself through manipulation – he forced the results he wanted rather than waiting for God to provide;
3. When Saul failed, he blamed someone else.

The 4 Characteristics of Jesus' Leadership Style (page 49)

1. He promoted and defended the exclusive rule of Yahweh;
2. He lived by and enforced God's rules given in the Torah (He saw Himself as God's servant, pointing God's people to God's laws);
3. He lived with and for His fellow Israelites, because all are created in the image of God;
4. He used power selflessly to enact justice for the poor (He saw Himself merely as God's servant).

Kingdom of Heaven (KOH) – some of Jesus' quotes about the KOH found just in Matthew 4:17 - From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the KOH is near."

10:17 - As you go, preach this message: 'KOH is near.'

11:12 - From the days of John the Baptist until now, the KOH has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

13:11 - The knowledge of the secrets of the KOH has been given to you, but not to them.

13:24 - The KOH is like a man who sowed good seed in his field...

13:31 - The KOH is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field...

13:33 - The KOH is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough...

13:44 - The KOH is like treasure hidden in a field...

13:45 - Again, the KOH is like a merchant looking for fine pearls...

13:47 - Once again, the KOH is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish...

18:23 - Therefore, the KOH is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants...

20:1 - For the KOH is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard...

22:2 - The KOH is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...

25:1 - At that time the KOH will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom...