



**Community Group Study: Counterfeit Worship**  
1 Samuel 15:1-35 | week of November 25

**GETTING STARTED**

- What makes true, genuine worship both true and genuine?
- What are the characteristics of false, counterfeit worship?

**DISCUSSION & APPLICATION**

**Read 1 Samuel 15:1-9.**

- What does God, through Samuel, tell Saul to do as king of Israel?
- How do you respond to this command? Do you need to pray about it and/or think more about it?
- How well does Saul obey God's command?

**Read 1 Samuel 15:10-35.**

- What is Samuel's verdict on Saul's obedience (see 15:17-19; 26-29)?

- What excuses does Saul offer?
  - v. 15
  - v. 20
  - v.21
  - v.24
  
- Do you see Saul's excuses for his disobedience in your own life? How?
  
- What does God delight in (v. 22)? What are the modern-day equivalents of "burnt offerings and sacrifices" that we can perform while failing truly to obey God?
  
- Is there anything you need to repent of, which you've been ignoring or excusing?

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Read/meditate upon 1 John 1:9-2:2. Turn this passage into a prayer of thanksgiving and confession.

#### **FOR NEXT TIME**

- John 1:14-18