

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, May 31, 2015

How Do I Follow for the Long Haul? | Psalm 132 – Call to Obedience

1. Rich spoke of how the word 'obedience' is polarizing in our modern context. What does the word make you think of? Why?

Please read Psalm 132¹

2. Rich said the call to obedience includes an oath obstacles, and over-flow. Where may God be calling you to make an oath², or yield to him, in your life?
3. After David's first attempt to get the Ark, he returned to Jerusalem angry and afraid³. Do experience anger or fear when you think of being obedient to God's path, His power, or presence in your life? In other words, what obstacles are in your way to obedience?
4. Psalm 132:13-18 clearly indicates the over-flow associated with being obedient to God, why is it difficult to trust these promises when they seem so far down the road?
5. Where have you placed (or misplaced) the Ark of the Covenant (God's presence) in your life? What is at the center of your life if it's not Him?

Please read these verses from the Hymn "Trust and Obey"

For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey...
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

6. What are some ways to encourage trust and obedience to God in our lives? In the lives of those around us?

¹ As Rich mentioned, this psalm mentions a time when God's people were bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem after many years of abandoning it in a field just 20 miles away

² Oaths are about surrender & sacrifice, "your way, not my way"

³ See 2 Sam 6:6-9