



Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 29-30, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

How Do We Approach God

(I Samuel 6-8)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Samuel 6-8.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How do you typically approach God? What posture do you bring to this interaction?

If you have ever struggled to approach God, share why you think that was (or is) the case.

Pastor Alan highlighted the fact that vs 6:20 refers to God as, "holy" (meaning set apart, distinct, other, belonging to a different category).

How aware of God's holiness are you when approaching Him?

Why might it be important to keep this in mind when approaching God?

Pastor Alan elaborated on the importance of approaching God with **Wholehearted Repentance**.

He shared that repentance is not just turning away from sin but is just as much about turning to God.

Unpack this as a group and share why this is (or could be) important.

Pastor Alan stated that sin rarely begins out of a desire for evil. Instead, it comes from looking for something good in the wrong places.

In what ways have you been distracted from God as you looked for something good in the wrong place?

What impact did this have on your life?

When have you gone to God with wholehearted repentance? What did this look like and what was the outcome?

If you are being called to this posture today and if you are comfortable sharing, provide a little bit of what you are currently wrestling with.

In verse 7:3, Samuel says, “If you are **returning to the Lord with all your hearts...**, he (the Lord) will deliver you out of the hands of the Philistines.”

What does it look like to “return to the Lord with all your heart?”

When have you returned to God in this manner?

The Israelites fell into the desire of longing for an earthly king (8:19).

Who are you tempted to rely on other than God?

Why is it so tempting to lose site of God and look for security and fulfillment in other places?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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