



Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of October 10-11, 2026

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

When Taking Control Means Losing Control

(I Samuel 13)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Samuel 13.

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?

On a scale of 1-10, how much do you crave control?

How do you typically respond when life feels out of control?

How well do these typical responses work for you?

If you struggle with trying to control too much, what might be the "why" behind this?

When you hear how Saul responded to the situation he faced in this portion of scripture, how do you feel towards Saul and his response?

When you face moments in life that feel outside of your control, how well, if at all, do you rely on God?

When have you experienced a challenging event or season when you leaned into God well?

What enabled you to trust God well in this situation?

When have you experienced a challenging event or season when you did not lean into God well or maybe even disobeyed what you felt He was calling you to?

What was the outcome of this response?

When you contrast how David responded compared to Saul's response, what does this stir in you?

Read together Psalm 57.

When, if ever, have you been able to hold a similar posture to David's when facing a very difficult situation?

If you long to respond more like David than Saul, what could this look like?

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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