



WEEK 9: EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE

KEY TEXT – JOHN 14:23

MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Share any thoughts insights you had from your SOAP Journal or from your homework in the workbook on Unit 8.
2. Read Jonah 1:1-17. What did God ask Jonah to do? Why would that have been difficult? How did Jonah respond to God's request? What were the consequences of his disobedience?
3. Read Jonah 2:9-3:10-What does this tell us about God giving 2nd chances? Has God given you a second chance that you would like to share with your group?
4. Read John 14:15-24, 15:14, and Luke 6:46. How important is obedience? What are the byproducts of obeying what God says, according to these passages?
5. How does the story in Acts 16:6-10 help us know how to respond when we are uncertain of what God wants for us? How can John 16:12-14 give us more confidence?
6. How does Matthew 21:28-30 reinforce the importance of what we do over what we say?
7. How do you think our sense that God may be working too slowly or not at all in our lives, connect with the fact that we aren't obeying what God has already asked us to do?
8. Use Psalms 119:33-35 as a guide to closing your time together in prayer.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: 1 John 2

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.