

SCC Small Group Discussion
Change - 1 Samuel 18:7, 31:4-6
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Getting Started:

Can you share a time when you experienced a significant change in your life? How did you feel and respond to it?

Why do you think people often resist change, even when it might be beneficial?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:7 and 31:4-6. How do these verses illustrate how Saul wasn't ready for the signs of change and then resisted this change?

The relationship between Saul and David helps us identify three realities about how we should handle change.

I. Recognize the inevitability of change

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

2. How can acknowledging the inevitability of change help us prepare for it?

3. What is something that is changing around you that you are trying to adapt to?

II. Respond to change with faith and trust

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

4. How does fear of change make us want to deny it?

5. There are examples in the Bible (such as Peter and Paul) who went from being deniers to disciples. How does trusting in the Lord with all our heart help change our mindsets?

III. Embrace change as an opportunity for growth

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

6. Can you think of a situation where a change led to personal growth or a positive outcome in your life?

7. How has knowing that you have been called to God's purpose given you confidence during a transition?

Application of Scripture:

What changes are you currently facing or anticipating? How are you doing in the process of recognizing, responding, or embracing these?

How can we support others who are dealing with significant changes?

This is the second of a three-part series called "Cultural Landmines"

Nov 10 – Compromise – a study in the book of Daniel

Nov 17 - Change – a study about King Saul

Nov 24 - Burnout – a study about King Ahab and Elijah

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