

Diagnosing Heart Disease

Getting to Know You:

– What do you do in your life to keep your heart healthy?

Going Deeper:

– In what ways do we cover up our disobedience?

– Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23. What is God's judgment against Saul?

o What does God want from Saul and us?

o How serious does God view disobedience?

o How should we then view it?

– Discuss the regret/repentance God has when it comes to Saul's life in vs.11, 29, 35.

o What kind of tension does this leave us with because of Numbers 23:19 and Psalm 110:4?

o How does vs.29 resolve this tension?

o Discuss the name of God we find in this verse. Where else do we see the glory of God in the OT?

– What does Saul do in vs.15-21? In what ways do we do the same thing when caught in sin? How can we get away from blame shifting and actually repent for our sin?

– Talk about the consequences of Saul's sin in vs.23, 28, 35. How does sin's consequences affect us, even as followers of Jesus?

– What's the difference between Saul's sorrow for his sin in vs.24-25, 30-31 and actual biblical

repentance? Look up 2 Cor.7:8-13 to help define the difference between godly and worldly repentance.

Take it Home:

- Too often we think we can obey enough to gain God's love. What does it do to your heart to know that God already loves us so much that he gave us Jesus, even in our sin?
- What do you need to put away or give up to fully obey Jesus?