

The Blessing of Obedience

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The Time Is Now Week 3: "The Blessing of Obedience"

Focus: True obedience isn't often accidental

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SMALL TALK

- 1. Discuss a time when something that seemed like punishment was actually a blessing?
- 2. Describe a time when you exhibited the tendencies of a selective listener? *Hello? . . . (just kidding)*

VIEWPOINT

- 3. When you ARE making the right choices in life, but life just doesn't seem to be going your way, how do you respond? Is it possible that what we might see as "punishment" could actually be for our good?
- 4. Read **Haggai 2:14**. Ask yourself, "How much of what I do is defiled by my sin?" Discuss what you think God wants instead?

GETTING PERSONAL

- 5. What does obedience usually require from the one being obedient?
- 6. On a scale of 1-10, what is your current "Obedience Factor" and is there anything you're waiting for to increase this? What? Why?
- 7. What are your groups' thoughts on **John 13:34-35 and John 15:17**?
- 8. What are your groups' thoughts on **Matthew 6:33**

MAKING PROGRESS

- 9. From looking at Matthew 6:33, what needs to happen next in your life to see "God's Kingdom and what He wants" become number one in your life?
- 10. What is your groups' strategy going to be to effectively pray for each other when it comes to "Do First Things First" in our lives?