

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

I SAMUEL 13:1-23

AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- I. Trouble is Brewing: vs. 1-7
- II. A Fearful and Impatient Leader: vs. 8-15
- III. A Hopeless Situation: vs. 16-23

## Questions:

1. As a warm-up question, go around the room and have each person share what the hardest thing to wait on in their life is right now.
2. In what two ways do vs. 1-7 describe for the reader that “trouble is brewing”?
3. What were the two instructions Samuel gave Saul from 10:7-8 that Saul was to obey here in this chapter? What parts of the instruction did Saul obey and disobey?
4. Identify all of the similarities and differences from the Judge Gideon in Judges 6-7 and Saul from 1 Samuel 13. What does this reveal about Saul as a leader?
5. We can learn a lot from Saul’s poor example of waiting on the Lord. Discuss the following:
  - How do times of waiting reveal areas of unbelief in our hearts?
  - In what ways does God not waste our waiting?
  - Why is it important to remember that God is wanting to do something in us much more than doing something for us? Why does that help us in season of waiting?
6. Assign each person or couple a passage from the following list, give them 5-10 minutes, and come back with an answer to this question: what does this passage teach us about how to wait faithfully upon the Lord?
  - Isaiah 40:31
  - Psalm 33:20-22
  - Isaiah 64:4
  - Lamentations 3:24-26
  - Isaiah 26:7-9a
  - Romans 8:22-25
  - James 5:7-8