



## Topeka Bible Church

### Mythbusters #10:

### *If It Doesn't Hurt Anybody, It's Not Worth Fighting Over*

### Community Group Study Questions

### *1 Samuel 13:13; 26:21 and selected passages*

1. Most of our sinful actions hurt others. Make a list of sins that hurt others and sins that don't (*Galatians 5:19-21*). While some of our sins may not hurt others physically, why are they still dangerous (*Romans 6:23; Proverbs 10:16; 11:19*)?
2. Name at least one area of sin that people most often claim doesn't "hurt" anyone? Are they right? Why might people be so adamant that a particular sin doesn't hurt others (cf. *Romans 1:28-31; 2 Timothy 3:2-5*)?
3. What did Saul do wrong in *1 Samuel 13:9-12*? Didn't David do the same thing (*2 Samuel 24:2*)? What made Saul's sin different (*1 Samuel 10:8*)? Do you know folks who make excuses for their sin like Saul did?
4. Was Samuel's confrontation of Saul appropriate (*1 Samuel 13:13*)? Why do we need other people in our lives to help sharpen us and point us back to Christ (*Proverbs 14:12 15:22; 27:17; Hebrews 10:24*)? Who are these people in your life?

5. What were the consequences of Saul's failure to obey God fully (*1 Chronicles 10:13-14*)? Is partial obedience the same as outright sin (*1 Samuel 15:22-23*)? Why is even the slightest disobedience so offensive to God (*1 Chronicles 13:7-10; Acts 5:1-5*)?
  
6. Later on, Saul acknowledges his foolish sinfulness on his own (*1 Samuel 26:21*). Even though Saul appeared to express genuine remorse for his sin, why did God still allow the consequences to take place (*1 Samuel 13:14*)? Does this seem unfair to you (cf. *Romans 9:20-21*)?
  
7. Do you view sin (no matter how small), its consequences, and the severity of it differently? How should you respond when you are convicted? Spend some time this week meditating on *Psalms 51* and ask God to forgive you and restore you.

**Memory Verse:**

**"Samuel said to Saul, " You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever."**

**(1 Samuel 13:13, NASB)**