Bible Study: Obedience

Purpose: To show some examples from scripture of those who were obedient to the will of God. We talked about Moses, Noah, the fishermen disciples, Elisha & Naman, and Jesus. Some aspects of obedience are: Faith, Willingness, & Sacrifice.

Icebreaker: We had people blindfolded, and do various activities such as pour a glass of water, pin the tail on the donkey, and pop a balloon, by relying on others to instruct them. This shows how even though we may not see the final outcome of our actions, God does.

NUMBERS 20:1-13 ~ Moses strikes the rock twice.

- Q: Was Moses right in his motives?
- Q: Do good intentions justify the means?
- Q: Have you ever meant well, but messed up?

GENESIS 6:11-22 ~ God commands Noah to build an ark.

- Q: Okay, what was God thinking? What do you think Noah was thinking?
- Q: Would you be able to tolerate all those people thinking you're crazy?
- Q: What was the result of Noah's obedience?

MATTHEW 4:18-22 ~ Jesus calls the first disciples.

- Q: Has everyone here had a job? We've all taken classes, right?
- Q: What if a campaigning politician asked you to leave and help him?
- Q: How would you respond to such a person making this crazy request?
- Q: Put yourself in their sandals, how do you think they felt?

2 KINGS 5:1-14 ~ The healing of Naman.

- Q: What was Naman's attitude towards Elisha's command?
- Q: What did Naman's servants say to him concerning his washing?
- Q: Has God ever told you to do something small, when you expected big?
- Q: When we're faithful in the small things, what happens?

MARK 14:32-42 ~ Jesus prays in the garden.

- Q: Wait, since Jesus is God, didn't He have to do this?
- **Q:** Was He completely willing to be crucified?
- Q: Why did He have to die?
- **Q**: Were the disciples obedient?
- **Q:** What can we learn from the sacrifice of Jesus?

Conclusion: Even though we may not understand how God is working in and through our lives, we need to be obedient; even in the small things. You can't always tell the outcome of your actions, so it's best to obey His voice.