



Small Group Study Guide

The Sacrifice of God's People

Philippians 2:12-18

Tell of a time when you've had someone "sacrifice" something for you. What did that mean to you?

Please read our Old Testament passage for today: 2 Samuel 24:18-25

1. Explain Araunah's attitude toward's the king?
Why was this attitude expected in that culture?
2. Explain why king David's response is surprising (*verse 24*)?
What is commendable about David's intentions?
3. How has our culture today removed this attitude of "sacrifice" from our worship? (*Example Subject for evaluation: church time, incentives for giving, commitments in serving, fear, participation, etc*).
4. How was king David "countercultural?" How does Jesus expect the church to act "countercultural" in Matthew 5:3-10?
How was the Apostle Paul "countercultural" in Philippians 2:17-18?"
5. Share an area from your discipleship journey where God is working on your "countercultural" attitude-of-sacrifice?