



## 2-The Great Deflection

1 Samuel 13:5-14

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Blaming others or situations when we are caught in a fault is so natural to us humans...why do you think that is?
3. Alvin said that blaming leads to hopelessness. How is this true of the person who is doing the blaming? Have you ever felt hopeless when confronting someone because they proceeded to simply deflect by blaming rather than owning? Without naming names, tell how the situation made you feel...hopeless.
4. Read 1 Samuel 13:5-10. In what ways was Saul's situation against him? Does it kind of seem like he was set up to mess up? Are you or have you been in a season that felt like you were set up to mess up?
5. Read 1 Samuel 13:11-12. Saul believed he was set up to mess up and it led him to blame. How are these two things tied together, has the belief that you were set up to mess up led you to blame?
6. We can easily believe that we are the product of our situation which then leads us to blame rather than admit our fault. Why is it important to own 100% of our own actions, all the while, not owning situations or what others do to us?
7. Read 1 Samuel 13:13-14. What was the cost for Saul's disobedience and blaming? How does 1 John 1:9 give us hope before God when we mess up.
8. What is an area of life where you have hidden behind the victim mentality rather than owning your actions?
9. If you have a group that is vulnerable enough spend some time in confession together for areas that you have messed up and not yet fessed up. If not, have a time of silence and prayer and do that internally, alone. Pray for each other.