

LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm
“Learning From Mistakes – Don’t Touch the Ark!”

Icebreaker: When you were growing up, what was one rule your parents made that you just tried to ignore?

We often treat God like He was just a parent. We listen to the things we feel like listening to and ignore the ones that we don’t like.

An Encounter with the Word of God

1. Read 1 Chronicles 13:1-8. God had given commands about how to treat the holy items of worship. In this day the temple and all the furnishings were portable and traveled with God’s people. However, the Ark of the Covenant was to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites with wooden poles inserted in rings. It was never to be touched. David and all the Israelites are celebrating and dancing as they move the Ark to bring it home to Jerusalem. However, they are not doing what God told them to do no matter how happy they are. What were they doing wrong?

2. Why would God have cared how the Ark was moved?

3. As God’s people today in the church, are there ever things meant to be holy that we take for granted?

4. Read 1 Chronicles 13:9-14. Why was God angry with Uzzah?

5. What should you and I do to be sure the church, God’s tool for worship, teaching and evangelism, keeps the respect of the people and stays holy?

6. Did David have a right to be angry?

7. How do we disobey God and then get angry at Him?

8. What area of your faith do you believe you need to take more seriously?