

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 3, 2018

This Week's Focus: The providence of God led Jesus to the cross where he suffered the judgement and abandonment we deserved for sin so that we would be eternally reconciled to him.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 19

"But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love." **Psalm 59:16-17**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- What are the two competing wills in this text? What does this passage along with the rest of Scripture reveal about God's sovereign will? Discuss how the gospel is the sole power to align the human will with God's will.
- How is Jonathan and David's friendship put to the test? How does Jonathan appeal to the *word* and *work* of God in his advocacy for David? Reference verses 4-5. According to the incarnate Word of God (Jesus Christ) what does it mean to do the work of God? Reference John 6:27-29.
- How does Jonathan's role as advocate foreshadow Jesus Christ and his role as advocate for sinners? Reference 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Peter 3:18.
- How is David delivered from Saul's spear? What's ironic about how the words "struck" and "fled" are repeated in verses 8 and 10?
- What does Saul's hatred of David teach us about the inevitable result of surrendering our self-control to sinful habits? Reference Ephesians 4:26-27. Is God calling you to repent of a particular sin or habit before it consumes you?
- What relationship principles can we learn from David's flight from Saul?
- Contrast the strategies Jonathan and Michal use to defend David. Does this passage condone the sin of lying? Discuss the difference between intentional deceitfulness and lies told in the midst of ethical dilemmas.

- According to Psalm 59, written during David's flight from Saul, what is the basis of David's safety and security? When faced with difficulties do you meditate on the steadfast love of God and turn to him as the source of your deliverance and comfort?
- What happened to the Saul's messengers when they attempted to apprehend David? What happened to Saul? Compare Saul's gift of prophesy in chapter 10 with his humiliation in chapter 19.
- How does this passage encourage you to demonstrate and declare the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?