



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 10, 2018

This Week's Focus: Through the cross, Jesus has made a covenant in his blood granting eternal peace and steadfast love to all who trust in his redeeming work.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 20

"[God's covenantal love] combines the warmth of God's fellowship with the security of God's faithfulness." **Alec Motyer**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Briefly recount the story of Saul and David up to this point. What is the plot of chapter 20?
- Why does Jonathan seem unaware or naive about his father's hostility toward David? How does David convince Jonathan to help him (verse 8)?
- What is a covenant? What was the foundation of David and Jonathan's covenant? Discuss how steadfast/loyal love ("hesed") was an essential element of their relational covenant. How does this serve as a picture and reminder of God's love for his people (Exodus 34:6-7)?
- Rather than condemn Saul's actions, how does David respond to the conflict (verses 1,8)? What principles of conflict resolution can we learn from David's response?
- What are the two requests Jonathan makes of David (verses 13-15)? What is he acknowledging about David and God's sovereign plan with these two covenantal conditions? Contrast this with Saul's determination to cling to his position and power as Israel's king.
- In what areas of your life do you need to humbly rest in the reality of God's sovereign power and steadfast love?
- What is the future hope of all Christians? Discuss how an eternal perspective (future hope) helps us overcome fear (Matthew 10:28-31), navigate the difficulties of life (John 16:33), and remain committed to God's mission to declare and demonstrate the gospel?
- What was the basis of the peace between Jonathan and David (verse 42)? Discuss how the gospel (the person and work of Jesus Christ) secures our peace with God (Romans 5:1)?