

# king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 17, 2018

**This Week's Focus:** God is the great Provider who offers the spiritual nourishment, forgiveness of sins, lasting peace, and eternal life through his son Jesus Christ.

**This Week's Text:** 1 Samuel 21-22:5

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth." **Psalm 57:9-11, A Psalm of David when he fled from Saul in the Cave**

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Why has David traveled to Nob, and what is he seeking there? What is significant about Ahimelech's lineage?
- What was the only bread Ahimelech had on hand? What did the bread-offering and the table symbolize (Exodus 25:30, Leviticus 24:8)?
- If the ceremonial law states that the Bread of Presence was intended to be eaten by the priests, then why did Jesus teach that David was guiltless in eating the holy bread (Luke 6:1-5, Matthew 12:1-8)? Why was Ahimelech blameless in providing the bread to David and in baking new loaves on the Sabbath?
- How did the bread serve to nourish David physically and spiritually?
- What do verses 1-8 teach us about the character of God? How has God proven himself the faithful Provider in your life? Discuss how Jesus provides eternal nourishment for our souls (John 6:49-51).
- Read Psalms 34 and 56, both written by David during his escape to Gath. Contrast these Psalms with David's behavior in the presence of king Achish. Like David, have there been times in your life when it was all you could do to trust God while simultaneously experiencing great fear?
- Do you humbly cast your cares on God in prayer, knowing that he tenderly "puts [our] tears in a bottle" (Psalm 56:8; 1 Peter 5:7; Romans 8:31-32)?

- From Gath, where did David flee to safety? What new community was formed that traveled with him to Moab? What ties did David have to Moab? Discuss how Jesus is the greater David who draws all manner of people to himself and provides the comfort, forgiveness, and peace to all who trust in him (Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 9:6; Ephesians 4:31-32).