



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 22, 2018

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the perfectly righteous and faithful one who loves us and rescued us from our enemies by his atoning work on the cross and resurrection from the grave!

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 26

"The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else." **Oswald Chambers**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- In Scripture, what does the wilderness typically symbolize? How has David been tested up to this point? Share a moment from your life when you learned to depend upon God.
- Who informed Saul of David's whereabouts? Why do you think they snitched on David?
- Where do we see a clear demonstration of God's providence in this chapter?
- How did Abishai interpret his and David's situation? What reason did David give for sparing Saul's life (verses 9-11)?
- Discuss the problem with using circumstances alone to guide our decision-making.
- Are there circumstances in your life where you are tempted to take matters into your own hands rather than trusting in God? What does it mean to *actively* wait on the Lord?
- According to David, what are the only two possible explanations for Saul's hostility toward David (verse 19)? During a conflict, do you immediately go on the defensive, or do you accept your part of the blame? Discuss how the gospel frees us to take responsibility for our wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Why did David grieve over his separation from the land of Israel (verses 19-20)? What is the church, and why is it important that we gather together regularly for corporate worship (1 Peter 2:4-5)?
- How do we know that Saul's confession, though likely sincere, was worldly sorrow rather than genuine repentance?
- Where did David place his hope and security (verses 23-24)? Discuss how David's "righteousness and faithfulness" foreshadow the one and only perfectly righteous and faithful

one, Jesus Christ. How were we undeservedly rewarded for Jesus' righteousness and faithfulness to the Father (Colossians 2:13-15)?

- How does this passage encourage you to live on mission to demonstrate and declare the gospel to those within your spheres of influence?