



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 26, 2018

This Week's Focus: David is a shadow of the greater anointed one, Jesus Christ, who released us from sin, Satan, death, and God's righteous wrath.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 30

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him."
Nahum 1:7

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned more clearly about yourself and about God?
- How did God providentially deliver David from his precarious situation with the Philistines (chapter 29)? What did David discover when he returned home to Ziklag?
- Can you sympathize with David's grief? Contrast the way Saul and David each responded to overwhelming distress (1 Samuel 28:20 and 1 Samuel 30:6). Where did David turn in his disaster? Share examples from your life when meditating on God's Word and obeying his will strengthened your faith in God during times of trouble (Nahum 1:7).
- What is God's providence (Ephesians 1:11-12)? How does it relate to human responsibility? Where do we see evidence of God's providence in this week's text? Discuss how it essential to David's success against the Amalekites.
- What important lesson did David teach his men which became a statute in Israel? What philosophy had the "wicked and worthless fellows" adopted? Contrast this with the theology of grace that David expressed by sparing the Egyptian.
- Do you rely on rules or human-made religion to give you purpose, joy, or favor with God? Contrast this with the life transforming power of the gospel.
- Discuss how David is a shadow of the greater anointed one, Jesus Christ, who released us from sin, Satan, death, and God's righteous wrath (Romans 5:6-11).
- How does this passage encourage you to live on mission to demonstrate and declare the gospel to those within your spheres of influence?