



Small Group Questions - Week of Sunday, April 21, 2024

1 Samuel 30

Get to know me:

1. Do you have any pets? What is your favorite animal?

Into the Bible:

Read 1 Samuel 30:1-5

1. What does David's reaction to the devastation of Ziklag teach about responding to trials and tribulations?
2. What can we learn when a crisis situation strikes in our lives?
3. How do you respond when it feel like your world has been turned upside down and you are lacking hope?

Read 1 Samuel 30:6-15

1. How did David strengthen himself? What can we learn from his example for our own lives?
2. What steps did David take before pursuing the Amalekites? How does this inform our decision-making processes in our own lives?
3. When David lost a third of his troops due to weariness and fatigue, how did he respond? What does that show us about hanging onto the promises of God?

Read 1 Samuel 30:16-20

1. Reference a few scriptures below and share what you learn about these promises and why are they important to us. *John 14:18 | Proverbs 16:3 | Deuteronomy 31:8 | James 4:10 | John 3:16-17 | Psalm 32:8 | Numbers 23:19 | Isaiah 41:10 | John 16:33 | Matthew 11:28-29 | James 1:5*
2. What role did faith play in David's journey from discouragement and despair to victory in this chapter?
3. What makes taking steps of faith and trusting in God accomplish within our lives?

Read 1 Samuel 30:21-31

1. How does David sending gifts to the elders of Judah speak to the importance of maintaining relationships?
2. What do David's actions tell us about the importance of gratitude and recognition in building relationships with others?
3. What makes David and Saul different when it comes to their respective relationships with the Lord?

Application:

1. Evaluate your life and determine if you are on the right path in following the Lord or if you have strayed.
2. David provides us an example to follow. When you hit a crisis in your life, how will you respond?
3. What ways can you remain humble and yielded to the Lord?
4. Are you experiencing life challenges where you need to cling to the promises of God? What specific promise (s) do you need to be reminded of and meditate upon?
5. From your study through this text, how can you apply what you have learned to your life?

Prayer Requests:

1. Prayer for salvation of friends and family.
2. Prayer for the next generation (children and youth)
3. Church supported ministry: Brian and Cynthia Fouts (Calvary Chapel Bistrita, Romania)
4. Church Family: Shawn and Marty Naccarato