



IN SEARCH OF THE KING

Community Group Questions

1 Samuel 18
The Chosen One

READ

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SOME QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

Review chapters 16 and 17.

- What has recently taken place in both David's life and in Israel's life?
- What have we learned about David's identity from these two chapters?

According to chapter 18, who loves David? Who doesn't love David?

What is the significance of what Jonathan does in verses 1-4?

What reasons are given for Saul's attitude towards David?

What action does Saul take against David?

David is seen in this chapter as having increasing success. What is the reason given?

FOCUS

God's Anointed One brings division throughout history, and thus each of us needs to give careful thought to how we respond to Him.

OPENING QUESTION

It is common in our culture right now to speak of being on the right side of history. What do you think people normally mean by that and how might it differ from how the Bible conceives of being on the right side of history?



CLOSING REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Read Psalm 2. How does this psalm shed light on 1 Samuel 18 and how might it help us apply 1 Samuel 18 to our lives?

Do you recognize anything of Saul in yourself? How might the gospel help you address that kind of sin?

Why might it be more accurate to see Jonathan, first and foremost, not as an example of friendship but of discipleship?

When it comes to Jesus – God’s Anointed One – are you more like Saul or Jonathan? In what ways?

What do you have to give up, or risk giving up, in order to make Jesus your first loyalty and love?

Though you may have to give up much to follow Jesus, consider Jesus’ promises in passages like Matthew 10:34-39 and 19:27-29. What do they mean and how do they help encourage you?

In what way is Jesus the dividing line of history and why is it impossible to take a neutral stance towards Him?

If you come from a family in which you have had to choose loyalty to Jesus over loyalty to your family, what wisdom would you provide to others in similar situations?