



IN SEARCH OF THE KING

Community Group Questions

1 Samuel 23 & 24
The Marks of a Godly Leader, Part I

FOCUS

As David continues on the run in the wilderness, God is at work shaping him to be the kind of leader His people need: namely, a man of faith in God who seeks to live His life in humble dependence on God's Word.

OPENING QUESTION

How important do you think leadership is? Why?

READ

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SOME QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

With the situation in Keilah, in what way does David show himself to be a leader who's dependent on God?

- How is this a very different way of making decisions and leading others than what we have seen from Saul?

In what way does Jonathan strengthen David?

What strikes you about the way God delivers David from the hand of Saul and the Ziphites?

How do David's men interpret the situation with Saul in the cave?

Why is David unwilling to attack Saul?

How strong of a temptation do you think it might have been for David to attack Saul?

Summarize the ways we see David's godly leadership connected to his response to God's Word.



CLOSING REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Can you think of people in your life who have modeled for you what it means to make decisions in humble dependence on God and His Word? Describe the impact they had on you.

- What are some ways you might be able to model these things for others?

People like Jonathan in the Old Testament and Barnabas in the New Testament are wonderful encouragers. What are some of the ways you might be able to encourage and strengthen others with the Word of God?

In what way do you see Jesus foreshadowed in the life and experiences of David in these two chapters?

In what ways do these chapters deepen your love for and faith in Jesus?

Consider your own response to God's written Word:

- Are you someone who shows a humble dependence on God's Word for the choices you make in your life?
- Are you someone who looks to the promises God has given you in His Word in order to find strength?
- Are you willing to be controlled by God's Word no matter how difficult it may be or what the circumstances may be?

Why is godly leadership always connected to faith in God and His written Word?

If someone in leadership were to try and convince you of an appropriate course of action without any reference to what God has revealed in His written Word, how should you respond? (Base your answer on God's Word!)

In what way can we as a church seek to cultivate this kind of leadership both in our own congregation and in the wider church?