

## STUDENT DISCUSSION NOTES

**APRIL 19, 2020**

*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

1. Read 1 Samuel 24. Make 5-7 observations. What is the story about? Who are the main characters? What crucial things take place? What is funny about this scene?
2. In verses 4-6, why does David cut off a corner of Saul's robe? After cutting Saul's robe, why does it say that David's "heart struck him?"
3. In verse 7, David "persuaded his men" and did not allow them to attack Saul. Do you think this was easy for David to take a stand for what is right? Would you have been able to do that with your peers? Why do you think he had to confidence to it?
4. In verses 16-17, Saul actually acknowledges his wrongdoing and praises David. Do you find this response surprising? When you have an argument with someone, how hard is it for you to admit that you are wrong?

### LIVING IT OUT

5. How do you handle things when they don't go your way? What stressors generate impatience in you?
6. J. D. Greear says that there are two different types of waiting: simple inaction and attentive readiness. How would you describe the difference? What would it look like for you to remain *spiritually attentive* to God in this season of waiting?
7. David could have killed Saul in the cave and his life would seemingly have become much easier very quickly, but consider all that David have lost if he had taken Saul's life (in his spiritual life, leadership, relationships, emotional life, etc). Why is it helpful to consider the potential consequences of our sin?
8. What are some specific examples of things in your life that you don't want to wait for? Why are you tempted to think that having those things would be better than obeying God?
9. Waiting builds trust, and trust builds character. Can you describe a specific time when you learned to wait on God and how that has played a role in your own growth process?
10. In our current season, everyone all over the world is waiting more than usual. How does being a Christian give us hope in the waiting that non-believers do not have?