

STUDENT DISCUSSION NOTES

APRIL 26, 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 25:1-13. Make 5-7 observations. What is the story about? Who do we learn about Nabal and Abigail? What emotions are shown?
2. In their business partnership, what service did David and his men offer to Nabal's shepherding business? How well had they done their job (read the report of Nabal's servants in verses 14-17)?
3. Why is Nabal's response to David's ten your men so offensive to David? How do we know that he was lying about David and rejecting David personally?
4. Review David's response to Saul in 1 Samuel 24:4-7. How would you describe the different responses that David made to Saul (Chap. 24) and to Nabal (Chap. 25)? What do you think changed?

LIVING IT OUT

5. Nabal is known more for his wealth than anything else. What is the problem when one aspect of our life becomes too important to us — things like our ability, our looks, our popularity, our relationships, our sense of humor, our being the life-of-the-party?
6. The Bible says, "Be angry, and do not sin." How are we to think about our anger — is it good or bad? How can you be angry but without acting out in sinful ways?
7. When we consider the different responses that David made to Saul (Chap. 24) and to Nabal (Chap. 25), it is clear that we all fail to see things clearly at all times. What does this say about how we need to trust God moment-by-moment in our walk of faith? How important is it that we learn to walk with God every day?
8. What would it look like for you to *go to God* this week with whatever you are facing in life and with your weaknesses (your anger, your worry, your impatience, your stress, etc)?
9. Read Psalm 4:6-8, which was written by David. Spend the last 5 minutes of your time praying these verses for the people in your group. Let these verses guide and direct how you pray for one another:
 - Ask God to put real *joy* in your hearts instead of anger.
 - Pray that each person would know that the Lord *alone* is their safety.
 - Pray that the people in your group would know *peace* that let's them sleep well.