

STUDENT DISCUSSION NOTES

MAY 10, 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 26:1-12. Make several observations. What is the setting for this meeting? Who is present? What happens?
2. Compare and contrast this encounter between David and Saul with their encounter in 1 Samuel 24. What is similar? What is different?
3. In this section, David seems confident about God's ability to resolve this conflict. Why do you think he could trust God to handle his problem with Saul?
4. Read 1 Samuel 26:13-25. Describe what happens. What is the main idea?
5. What is David frustrated about when he speaks to Saul (in verses 18-20)? Consider his statement: "they have driven me out this day that I should have no share in the heritage of the Lord, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'" What do you think he means? Why would driving him out of Israel keep him from worship the true God? Read Psalm 137:4-6 for a clue about what worship looked like in Old Testament times.
6. Read Psalm 20:6-8. What is the message taught by these verses? How does this relate to what happens in this passage between David and Saul?

LIVING IT OUT

7. How would you explain what it means to "trust the Lord" to a friend who is stressed and feeling unsure about his or her circumstances?
8. We may not understand everything there is to know about everything that is happening in our lives, but we should obey what we know as soon as we know it. Do you agree? Why or why not?
9. How great is your appetite for the worship of God amongst the people of God? How has this season of Covid-19 isolation affected your view of the worship gathering of the church?
10. David says, "may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord." As Christians living after Jesus' death and resurrection, we have even more information about God's love than David had. How can we be certain that we are precious in the sight of the Lord?
11. David's statement can be turned into a wonderful prayer: "Lord, deliver me from every distress." What is one personal distress (or area of stress) you are currently experiencing that we could pray for this week?