

Series: Christmas with King David

Sermon: Inquiring of the Lord

Primary Text: 1 & 2 Samuel

Discussion guide:

- Have you ever felt the Lord give you guidance in a decision you were making?
- Do you seek the Lord's counsel?
 - Why or why not?
 - If so, how?
- Read 1 Samuel 23:1-2; 1 Samuel 30:1-8; 2 Samuel 2:1; 2 Samuel 5:17-23; 2 Samuel 21:1-3
 - In each text under what circumstances does David "inquire of the Lord"?
 - What does it mean to "inquire of the Lord"?
- Read 2 Samuel 7:1-18
 - Why didn't David inquire of the Lord?
 - What was the result?
 - Have you ever done something for someone or for the Lord without consulting first?
 - Notice that God intervened – as opposed to punishing – why was this?
 - How does Romans 8:28 pertain here?
- Read 2 Samuel 11:1-3...
 - Why didn't David inquire of the Lord?
 - What if he had?
 - What does this tell us about sin?
- Read 1 Samuel 28:6...
 - Why do you think God did not reply?
 - See Isaiah 59:1-2, 1 John 1:9
 - Why does confession of sins need to come before any inquiry?
- How can we "inquire of the Lord" today?
- How does the arrival of Christ help us in these areas?