

# SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Check out your notes from this week's sermon. What stood out?  
Were you challenged? Anything you found difficult or disagreed with?

## INTRO QUESTION

Think of a time when you had a second chance to do something. You blew it the first time, but the next, you handled it differently. What changed?

## DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - 1 Samuel 26:18-25

As you read 1 Samuel 26:1–25, what details are familiar from earlier in the story (especially chapter 24)? Why do you think they're recorded so close together? How might the "second time" carry added weight for the reader?

Has Saul changed since his last encounter with David?

Explain how Abishai views Saul's sleeping in camp as divine opportunity. What reasoning does David give for refusing to kill Saul?

Read Deuteronomy 32:25 and Romans 12:19. Considering the Psalms and what we've learned over the last 3 chapters, what is David's understanding of justice and God's role?

Why does David first rebuke Abner rather than Saul (vv.13–16)? What point is he making about loyalty and protection?

What does David's restraint in the cave, the mistake he nearly made with Nabal, and the restraint in this chapter reveal about the kind of king he will be? Do you think the interaction with Abigail shaped his actions here?

Understanding sometimes has to wait, but obedience cannot. Do you agree?

## TAKEAWAYS

**GOD'S KINGDOM IS A MATTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITHFULNESS**

*Acts 3:14; 2 Timothy 2:13; Romans 3:10, 26*

David declares that the Lord rewards righteousness and faithfulness. How does this standard expose both Saul's failure and our own (Romans 3:10)? How does trusting Christ's perfect righteousness instead of our own form the way we respond to sin and failure?

Paul reminds us that God "remains faithful" even when we are faithless. Since this is true, what excuse do you have for clinging to fear, pride, or sin?

**THE LORD'S ANNOINTED MUST SUFFER**

*Hebrews 2:10; 4:15; James 1:2-3*

God made the "pioneer of our salvation perfect through what He suffered." How does Jesus' path through suffering help you view your own hardships? Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus, our King, sympathizes with our weaknesses. Why do we hide in shame instead of drawing near?

Will you boldly approach His throne of grace this week instead of retreating into self-reliance or silence?