

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

Have you ever had an experience where what you were to do seemed obvious, but it later turned out not to be so – that you had acted presumptuously and not waited on the Lord?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - 1 Samuel 24:1-22

How did Saul keep finding out where David was?

Why does Saul go into the cave alone? *Deuteronomy 23:12-14*

Who is hiding in that cave?

Is this an opportunity for David or a temptation for David?

According to 1 Samuel 24:6, why doesn't David take Saul's life?

Should you immediately believe something just because people say that it is from God?

How are you to test such statements? *Deuteronomy 18:21-22; Matthew 7:15-16; Acts 17:11; Galatians 1:8; Philippians 1:9-10*

Though some may view these as harsh or vindictive, in whose hands is judgment being left in the following Biblical prayers? *Psalms 54:5; 58:6-9; 139:19-24*

What did Saul affirm about David's character and calling?

Was Saul truly repentant? Why or why not? *2 Corinthians 7:10*

TAKEAWAYS

THE LORD'S WILL MUST BE ACHIEVED THE LORD'S WAY

Matthew 4:8-9, Psalm 2:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

"We sometimes long to find a "key" or a major "breakthrough" or a decisive "insight" that will place our Christian living on some kind of higher plane where we are most always above hindrance, frustration, and despair."

– Dale Ralph Davis

Are you as content as David seems to be to simply let God effect His will, His way, in His time? Or are you likely to try to "help God out" in some way? Give a recent example.

Think about godly discernment. Knowing the Word of God is certainly important factor in it. Can you think of others?

THIS CALLS FOR PATIENT ENDURANCE

Psalm 94:1; Romans 12:19; 1 Peter 2:21-23

Think about how David acted in the face of opposition. How does this compare with how Jesus behaved when He faced His accusers?

Matthew 5:38-39; Romans 12:17-2; 1 Peter 3:9

How could David show such restraint that day in the cave? He had confidence in the Lord's justice. You may have some situation in your own experience where you need confidence that the Lord is a God of justice. Are you prepared to wait confidently for this without taking matters into your own hands?