

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 someone step in at just the right moment and save you from a huge mistake?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - 1 Samuel 25:18-44

- How does Abigail's quick action (v.18) demonstrate the mysterious intersection of God's providence and human responsibility?
- How can the wisdom of Ephesians 4:26 and James 1:19 keep us from making the same mistake David was about to make?
- Abigail repeatedly calls David "my lord" (v.24), yet she acts independently of her husband Nabal and without telling him (v.19). What does this reveal about when submission to human authority must yield to submission to God (cf. Acts 5:29)?
- How does Abigail's reminder of God's future promise to David (v.28-31) reframe his immediate anger into long-term perspective? What does this teach us about making emotional decisions while God's purposes are still unfolding?
- How does the way and timing of Nabal's death (v.36-38) show that God's providence?
- What trouble can happen when we try to fix things ourselves (v.26) instead of waiting for God to make things right?
- The chapter closes with David marrying Abigail (v.39-44), yet the text subtly warns about polygamy. By showing David with multiple wives, it hints at the problems that will come. How does this tension remind us that even those used by God still carry flaws and make unwise choices? How can we see God's hand at work in a story while also being honest about the sins and flaws of the people in it?

TAKEAWAYS

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES THROUGH HIS PROVIDENCE

Proverbs 16:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13

When has God stopped you from making a foolish or sinful choice, even if you didn't realize it in the moment?

Isaiah 50:4; Hebrews 10:24-25

Who in your life has been an "Abigail" to you, bringing timely encouragement or wise correction?

Identify one decision you're facing right now and commit to pray over it for a set time before taking action.

THE STORY OF ABIGAIL FORESHADOWS THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 53:6; Luke 23:34, 42-43; Romans 1:2

Who does Abigail's willingness to take guilt upon herself point us toward?

Who does Abigail's plea for forgiveness remind you of?

Who does Abigail's request to be remembered by David point to?

Based on these three examples, how does Abigail's story show what Romans 1:2 says?