

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

When have you made a change - job, location, relationship - thinking it would solve things, only to realize the same struggles remained?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

In 27:1, what does David say to himself?
Why do you think David concluded that he was better off with the Philistines, despite God's past protection?

How does David's decision in 27:2-4 affect Saul's pursuit of him?

What does this chapter suggest about fear's influence on faith, even for someone like David?

What arrangements does Achish give David in 27:5-7, and how does David use them?

What do David's raids in 27:8-12 reveal about his strategy and methods?

How does David's deception of Achish (27:10-12) fit with or conflict with his identity as the Lord's anointed?

TAKEAWAYS

REHEARSE GOD'S PROVIDENCES DAILY

Psalm 103; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

When you face fear or are discouraged, what helps you remember God's past providences instead of defaulting to worry?

How does naming God's help and blessing in the past change the way you face future uncertainties?

WE NEED RESCUE FROM OURSELVES, MORE THAN OUR SITUATION

Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:14-25

Have you ever thought a new situation would fix a deeper struggle? What did you learn from it?

Are you more desperate for God to change your circumstances, or for Him to change you?

TRUST KING JESUS, THE RIGHTEOUS AND TRUE

Isaiah 11:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Revelation 19:11-16

David's compromises show he is not the flawless king Israel ultimately needs. How does trusting Jesus as the righteous and true King guard us from disillusionment with human leaders?

When you're tempted to lean on your own schemes like David in Gath, how does Revelation's picture of King Jesus - Faithful and True, riding in power - challenge you to embrace your weakness and depend fully on His strength instead?