LIFEGROUP Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: A Series of Unfortunate Events **Sermon Title:** David Becomes King

Scripture: 1 Samuel 24

Date Preached: October 18, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Read Psalm 57 and Psalm 142. These Psalms are attributed to David while he was "in the cave." What stands out to you in these Psalms?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

How do you often make decisions? Are you quick to make a decision or are you very hesitant?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

- 1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
- 2. Earlier Saul tried to kill David. Now the roles are reversed and David has the opportunity to retaliate. If you were in David's position, what would you have done? What is your immediate reaction when someone wrongs you? (For further discussion, read Matthew 5:38-42.)
- 3. At this point in our study of 1 Samuel, how would you describe Saul? How would you describe David? What is the biggest difference between the two?
- 4. David's men told him that this day was from the Lord and yet he still had the discernment to do what is right. Why do you think he didn't act upon his friend's recommendation? What lessons do you think were taught to David's men that day?
- 5. How do you discern what is the right thing to do in difficult situations?
- 6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
- 7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

Paul says in Acts 24:16, "I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man." Like David with Saul, how do we strive to live a life with a clear conscience before God and others?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events: David & Bathsheba