

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of February 21st, 2021

**Sermon:** "God Protects His Purpose"

**Text:** 1 Samuel 19:1-24



## BEHOLD THE KING

*The Book of First Samuel*

### SUMMARY

God has and will protect you for his purpose. Even when the spears of life and sin seem to come from every side, God is still working for his purpose in your life, and he will protect through others, through his people themselves, and through inexplicable divine deliverance.

### FOR FAMILIES

Have you ever felt like something is impossible? Outside of your control? This is how David probably felt about Saul trying to kill him. What made you feel this way?

God protected David through other people, like his friend Jonathon. Have you seen God protect you through others? (Parents, teachers, friends, etc.)

### FOR GROUPS

Have you felt attacked or hounded on all sides by life, as David is here? What kinds of 'spears' tend to make you feel this way?

What are some of the ways we are tempted to respond to this sense of attack? How does this look different if we are truly believing God protects his purpose?

One of the ways that God protects his people is through others. What are some ways your group can help you whenever you may feel this sense of attack?

This story shows us that God will always protect his purpose for his people. What does the Bible tell us is God's purpose for people? What is not our purpose?

How does God protect his people through Jesus? How do we access this protection?

Do you ever think about what you want for your future? What you want to do or where you want to live? How does knowing God protects his purpose change the way you might think about this?

Spend some time encouraging one another with ways that God has protected you in the past, through others, through you yourself, or through inexplicable divine deliverance. How do these past deliverances give us hope and point us toward Christ?

God will protect us for his purpose, but what is our purpose? How are we tempted to doubt his protection by misunderstanding or denying our purpose?

God provided the ultimate protection for his people in Christ Jesus. How does Jesus protect us from attack, including our own fears and doubts? How can we help ourselves and those around us turn to this protection in our day-to-day life?