



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 29, 2018

This Week's Focus: We can rest assured of God's love for us and his promise to never leave or forsake us because of Jesus' faithfulness on the cross.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 27-28:2

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- What was David's plan to ensure his safety from Saul? What was the basis of his decision (verse 1b; Proverbs 3:5-7)? Can you relate to the spiritual high David experience in chapter 26 followed by his plunge into despair at the beginning of chapter 27?
- What's your default method of coping with fear, stress, anxiety, and despair? Explain why this method works initially but ultimately proves disappointing. Discuss how the gospel alone delivers the hope and joy that we need in the midst of suffering (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)?
- Contrast David's visit to Gath with his previous visit in chapter 21. How did David use Saul's sin to justify his flight to the Philistines (1 Samuel 26:19-20)?
- Is there unconfessed sin in your life that you've justified to yourself or to others? Is God leading you to do something and you have substituted obedience with "religious" alternatives?
- How far did David go to hide his true activities from King Achish? Where did David's deception lead him? Are you living a life of deception that has brought you to a dark place in your life?
- What does this chapter remind us about the human condition (Jeremiah 17:9)? Does this story leave you searching for a hero? Does your eternal security rest in Jesus' faithfulness or your own?
- How does this passage encourage you to live on mission to demonstrate and declare the gospel to those within your spheres of influence?