

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 19, 2018

This Week's Focus: David's rejection by the Philistines demonstrates how God is at work in achieving his purposes even when we don't explicitly see it.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 29

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:11-12**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- How do the events of chapter 27 inform us about David's possible motives for marching with the Israelites into war?
- David is placed in a difficult situation by aligning himself with the Philistines. What is his biggest problem if he fights with the Philistines? What could a potential problem be if he turns on them?
- When in your life have you found yourself in a situation that lead to an impossible outcome? Would leaning on God's word and the godly counsel have changed that? How?
- David is rejected by Philistine commanders because of his reputation. If we were known by our reputations, what would that be?
 - How do you view your reputation before Christ, and how as walking with Jesus changed that?
- If you were in the Philistine's shoes, would you have allowed David and his men fight with you? Why?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Why is the principle of not being unequally yoked so important to the Christian life?
 - What's the difference between living on mission (declaring and demonstrating the gospel) and yoking yourself to an unbeliever?

- David had God's promise of one day being king over Israel. Why was he then taking matters into his own hands? How can you relate to David in your life?
- God is not explicitly present in this passage as he has been previously. How do we actively see him at work in the midst of his "absence?" How looking back on your life, how have you seen God's finger prints all over it?
- What do chapters 28 and 39 teach us about God's sovereignty?
- How does this passage propel you to live on mission to demonstrate and declare the gospel to those within your spheres of influence?