



Community Group Study: Recognizing Jesus the King
1 Samuel 29-30 | week of August 18

GETTING STARTED

- Describe, if you can, a sticky situation you have been involved in where the Lord has delivered you in a way that you didn't expect.

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read 1 Samuel 28:1-2; 29:1-11

- Summarize the way in which David had entangled himself in the situation with the Philistines.
- We are not given an editorial comment that mentions that it was the LORD who delivered David from this battle. Can we have confidence that it was the LORD who delivered him? Why or why not?
- In these verses, who does David depend on to deliver him from trouble? What verse(s) indicate this?

Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6.

- The key to understanding the meaning of these verses is in 30:6. How did David "strengthen" himself in the LORD? (See 1 Samuel 23:16-17 for a clue)
- In light of this, in what ways might it be good and right for Christians today to strengthen themselves in the Lord?

Read 1 Samuel 30:7-31

- Once again, we receive no editorial comment about the discovery of the Egyptian slave (30:11). But, what does this discovery mean for David and his soldiers? Even if the text doesn't make it explicit, what does the discovery of this Egyptian tell us about God's relationship with David?
- David, in a number of ways, foreshadows Jesus Christ. Consider the "all"s in 1 Samuel 30:2 and 30:19-20. Then read Romans 5:12-21 and discuss particular ways that David (in 1 Samuel 30) could be pointing us forward to Jesus Christ.
- List some ways in which David begins to act in a kingly manner in 1 Samuel 30. Then, consider for each of those ways how Jesus surpasses David as a better king.

NEXT STEPS

- The world has a million ways to steal our reliance upon the LORD, and even if it didn't, our hearts are skilled at neglecting him as well. How are you hoping to "strengthen" yourself in the Lord this year, despite all of the influences that you'll have to fight against?

Discuss together as a group how you might help each other to name and rely on specific promises of the Gospel. Then, make a plan, if that's helpful to your group.