

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 7th November 2021

The King and I, Calm Under Pressure
1 Samuel 24



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. There is a big difference between being re-active and pro-active. Can you think of a time when you were reactive in a way that got you in trouble?

Q2. Can you think of a time when you could have reacted badly but because of a previous conversation (proactivity) you were able to react in a way that was productive rather than destructive?

INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Samuel 24:1-4

Q3. David as a shepherd boy spent time with God, it is evident in his interactions with Goliath that David had a respect for God's power and plan. David had the voices of others in his ear when it came to King Saul in the cave. What voices do we have in our ears when it comes to making decisions in life today? How do we place God's voice/plan over the voices of the world?

Read 1 Samuel 24:5-15

Q4. David showed respect towards Saul when everyone wanted to harm him (v7), how can we show respect to those who are trying to harm us? How can we support (unlike the soldiers) our brothers and sisters in Christ in those times of persecution?

GOING DEEPER

Read 1 Samuel 24:16-20

Q5. God had a plan which David carried out, in the end Saul honoured God and David which the other soldiers would have been able to hear, and in doing so elevated David's future kingship as someone who listened to God. David was able to listen to God's Spirit (1 Samuel 16:13), how can we know the difference between the voice of the Spirit and the voice of our own thoughts?

Read Matthew 22:34-40

Q6. Jesus used his knowledge of scripture to also proactively prepare Himself for the times when he was faced with pressure. Is there a book of scripture, or passages that have helped prepare you for times of pressure? Share with the group how that helped, or write them down (if not in a group) so that you can refer to them next time pressure presents itself.

Pray

Loving Father, we ask that through your Spirit and your word you would help us to follow the examples of David and Jesus in being calm under pressure, that the things we do out of routine will prepare us to honour you in those moments of pressure and stress. May we honour you as king as we respond to the pressures of this world, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.