

Sermon Discussion Guide

October 2, 2022

READ

Read 1 Samuel 25 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- God will fight our battles for him if we will just leave things in God's hands. We don't need to take vengeance; God will do it.
- You cannot accomplish the promise of the Spirit in the power of the flesh.
- The scroll of Samuel has already begun to stir our affections for a King more righteous than even David.
- Jesus didn't change us by paying us back for our sin; he changed us by showing us grace (see Group Discussion question below).

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When was the last time you lost your temper? What did you learn from it?
2. Read James 1:19–27. What do verses 19–21 teach us in their context?
3. Why is it important for us to have wise counsel in addition to prayer? Has anyone in our small group or church given you godly wisdom to help you make a difficult decision? How can you cultivate a lifestyle of seeking godly wisdom from others?
4. How do these stories in 1 Samuel point us to Jesus? What makes Jesus so much better than David?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: Consider God's patience and mercy towards us in Christ.<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: Where are you tempted to rely on the power of the flesh instead of the Spirit?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Is there someone you need to forgive, or a grudge you need to let go of?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Praise God for being a righteous God who judges justly. Ask God to help us become a congregation that trusts his judgments and doesn't take vengeance into our own hands.<input type="checkbox"/> Thank God for being a God of mercy. Ask God to help us be a people who freely confess our sins and trust in Christ for mercy.