

WEEK 6

Welcome & Open with a Brief Prayer

Icebreaker

Scripture for the Week (Please read it to the group):

I Samuel 24:12 & 15 — David shouted to Saul, “May the LORD judge between us. Perhaps the LORD will punish you for what you are trying to do to me, but I will never harm you . . . May the LORD therefore judge which of us is right and punish the guilty one. He is my advocate, and he will rescue me from your power!” (NLT)

Overview:

Saul sees the Lord’s anointing on David and views him as a threat to his kingship. We know this because I Samuel 18:28-29 says, “When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and how much his daughter Michal loved him, Saul became even more afraid of him, and he remained David’s enemy for the rest of his life” (NLT). Saul and 3,000 men are pursuing David and, in a turn of events, David finds Saul asleep in a cave. David could have ended the problem of Saul right then and there, but David doesn’t take matters into his own hands. Instead, he trusts God to deliver him from Saul and to orchestrate the timing of his future. This week, we’ll talk about how David handles his adversarial relationship to Saul and how that might relate to us.

Watch Video

1. In our world, do you see people taking advantage of others for personal gain? What might be an example?
2. It’s a difficult thing to show honor and respect to a person we’re opposed to or we don’t see eye-to-eye with. How might someone do that?
3. Do you view it as honoring God when you honor those in authority over you? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever trusted in your own ability to further a particular opportunity or, instead, were you able to wait on God’s timing in that situation? What happened?
5. Would some of your relationships change if you viewed them as David did?

To Consider: Is there a Saul in your life that God is possibly asking you to change how you react to him or her? How can you change to honor and respect them as best as you can?

QUESTIONS

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests. (Remind the group to share only request per person due to time.)
Closing Prayer—Include those requests in your closing prayer.