

The King & The Kingdom
1 Samuel 21-22 Discussion Questions

1. Last week was the 80th anniversary of Superman. Who is/was your favorite super hero? Why?

God's King humbly knows where to go when He is in need.

2. What are some examples of where David goes in his need (see 19:18, 21:1, 22:5)? How does this contrast with Saul? Who does Saul go to and listen to?

3. What is the lesson we should learn from David? Where should we go or who should we go to in our time of need? Can you think of an example of a time when you were in need and you either sought out godly counsel or you avoided godly counsel? Explain.

4. It was mentioned that Evangelicals don't seem to value or practice the belief in the sufficiency of the Bible. What does the sufficiency of the Bible mean? Do you agree that Evangelicals are weak on this? Can you give examples? What would it look like if we really believed the Bible was sufficient?

5. It was suggested that if we doubt the sufficiency of the Bible then we doubt the sufficiency of Christ. Explain the relationship between the two and why they are connected.

God's King humbly attracts needy people and He provides for them.

6. How do we see David attracting and providing for needy people in chapter 22? How do we see Saul taking life in order to preserve his life in this chapter?

7. What are some ways this is pointing us to Christ? How does Christ attract/provide for needy people?

8. Can you think of an example of someone you have provided for in his/her time of need (outside of your family)? What is an example of a way you could meet someone's need right now?

God's King humbly bears blame that is not his.

9. How does 22:22 indicate that David is taking blame that is not his? Who does Saul blame (22:8)?

10. The death of the priests fulfills God's curse in 1 Samuel 2 when God promises to cut off Eli and his descendants. How would you explain to someone that even though this is God's judgment against Eli, Saul is still morally responsible for his sinful actions in killing the priests? How should this example inform our understanding of the relationship between God's sovereignty and our responsibility?

11. It was mentioned that good leaders take the blame/responsibility when things go wrong and give credit to others when things go well. Have you had a boss/leader who did this well/poorly?

12. Do you have a pattern of giving glory to others or trying to get it for yourself? How should the example of Jesus compel us to respond?

God's King has faithful, humble followers.

13. What are ways people do not follow Saul (22:17)? What are ways we see people following David?

14. It was mentioned that we should be having an influence for Christ and that people should be attracted to our saltiness and light. Can you think of an example of someone you have influenced or you are influencing for Christ?

15. Jesus' original followers were faithful to Him to the end. Why?