

The King & The Kingdom
1 Samuel 25-27 Discussion Questions

1. Disciples of Christ grow and learn. What are some of the factors that prevent Christians from maturing in Christ? Do you think of yourself as a student or as someone who has arrived?

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2. In 1 Sam 24, David shows self-control and restraint. In 1 Sam 25 David is initially impulsive and quick to draw his sword (25:13). Why do you think there is such a difference from one chapter to the next?

3. What are some of the key elements of Abigail's interaction with David that leads him to not attack?

4. We see David's willingness to listen to Abigail and he is teachable. Have you ever been corrected? Did you listen to the correction or reject it?

5. Why is it important that we always have a teachable attitude every time we come under God's Word, and why is it important that we look for areas we need to change? What are the consequences if we don't have this mentality?

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6. David has another opportunity to kill Saul. Why doesn't he even seem tempted in chapter 26?

7. Saul admits that he has sinned (26:21). Why does David not return to Saul? What is the difference between being sorry for something and being truly repentant?

8. It was mentioned that a pastor rejected hell and the exclusivity of Christ, and his church fell apart as a result. What would lead someone to reject the doctrine of hell? Why would rejecting this doctrine lead to rejecting other key doctrines? Why would this lead to a church/denomination dying?

9. What are other examples of key biblical teaching, or doctrines, that Christians must hold to firmly? How did you come to develop convictions about these doctrines?

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10. What are some ways chapter 27 is challenging for us? What are some of the ways we see the wisdom of David in chapter 27?

11. We see a few times God gives David direction instruction. We see times David makes decisions based on God's clearly revealed Word. Most of the time David makes decisions based on godly wisdom. When we make decisions in life, how often is it based on direction instruction or clear biblical conviction? How often do we have to make decisions based on wisdom?

12. It was mentioned that in Evangelicalism today, there seems to be a greater emphasis on making decisions based more on a mystical feeling than on godly wisdom. Do you agree with this assessment? Explain why or why not. If you agree, why do you think this is the case?

13. How would you counsel someone who was having to make a big decision such as who to marry, or what school to attend, or what job to take, or what career path to choose? How would you encourage them to make these decisions?

14. What are some of the ways we see Jesus' wisdom, conviction, and teachable-ness? Why should this motivate us to follow Him?