

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

### **Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 23:1-12**

Well, David is for sure on the run from Saul, as we learned last week. So, what does one do when on the run? Read verses 1-6. What is the situation at hand (vs. 1)? What does David do about it (vs. 2)? When the men doubt David's decision, what does David do (vs. 4)? What was the result (vs. 5)? Who comes to see David and what does he bring with him (vs. 6)? This is the same priest we ended with last week. What happens next (vss. 7-12)? Notice Saul mobilizes an army to get David. What was David's response to this (vs. 9-11)? What does God tell David (vs. 12)? Why do you think the people of Keilah would do that? How are we too guilty of this? What does this reveal to you about God? About us as humans? How does it point to Jesus and the betrayal by one of his own? Where have you been betrayed or are the betrayer? Spend time in prayer today asking God's help to forgive and for forgiveness.

### **Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 23:13-29 and Psalm 54**

With the acknowledgement from God that Keilah would betray David, what does David do and where does he go (vss. 13-14)? How did David's departure actually help Keilah? Now read verses 15-18. David is in hiding and yet Jonathan has managed to find him. What acknowledgment does Jonathan make about David's future? Remember Jonathan is the prince and heir to the throne. How do you think Jonathan came to know David would be king? What is Jonathan's commitment to David? After Jonathan's return, what happens next (vss. 19-25)? Who was the betrayer this time? What is revealed about Saul's true heart in verse 21? Saul seems pretty single-minded about getting David, even though God has said that this change of hands in kingships was a done deal. What does that reveal about Saul's understanding of God's will? What finally breaks Saul's single-mindedness towards killing David (vss. 26-28)? Where does David go next in an effort to hide from Saul (vs. 29)? Now read Psalm 54. How do the various sections of this Psalm fit the story we just read? Who were the strangers betraying David? How does Saul's statement in verse 21 of Samuel tie into verse 3 of Psalm 54? How do verses 6-7 of the Psalm tie into verse 29 of the Samuel text? What does this reveal to you about God and his providence? What does this reveal to you about humanity? Compare and contrast David's behavior and responses to Saul, Keilah and the Ziphites. Humanity is capable of both good and evil, faith and self-centeredness. How can we learn from David to fight our battles the way he does by turning to God and waiting on him? It may mean we have to escape, so God can fight our battles in His own time. But for sure, we need to be checking in with God every time. Consider how this points to Jesus in this text, Luke 4:25-30. What battle are you trying to fight that you may need to step away from and let God fight for you?

### **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 24**

We start off today learning that the battle with the Philistines is over and Saul is back to his goal in life – killing David. Where does Saul head and who does he take with him (vss. 1-2)? When he arrives what happens (vs.3)? A very human thing needing to relieve oneself and the Bible has no problem pointing it out. Now read verses 4-15. Who was it that tries to talk David into killing Saul and what is their justification for this action (vs. 4)? As we see, David moves in on Saul and clearly has the advantage. What stops David (vs. 5)? How in tune with God must David be to be convicted that this was not right? What is his rationale for not doing what his men wanted (vss. 6-7)? But even if David does not kill Saul, he doesn't pass the opportunity up to tell Saul as much. There are three important things in David's declaration to Saul. 1) David has no intention of killing God's anointed ruling king, thus David has not sinned against Saul or God, even though he could have done so easily. 2) Even though Saul pursued David to kill him, David will not for what reason (vs. 13)? What is David saying about Saul's heart compared to David's heart? 3) David calls for God to judge between them and insists that God rescues David, so the judgment has been made in David's favor. Verses 16-21 tell of Saul's response to David. What does he acknowledge about David (vss. 19-20)? What does he ask of David (vs. 21)? How does this section end (vs. 22)? What does this reveal to you about God? About us as humans? How does this point to Jesus?

### **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 25:1-22**

We start today with a stark statement right off the bat. What is it? For as important as Samuel has been, this is a pretty short ending to the death of the last judge. But we remember, it is not Samuel's story, but God's story we are reading. As we move forward, who is the new person we meet and what does the text say about him (vss. 2-3)? David sends him a message through his men. What does he say and ask of Nabal and what is Nabal's response (vss. 4-11)? Remember what we said about ancient hospitality and the important role it played as a display of character in a family? What does this say about Nabal's character? What is David's response to this rude treatment (vss. 12-13)? But the servants of Nabal are on the ball. How do we know (vs. 14-16)? What happens next (vss. 17-20)? How does this tie into verse 3 regarding Abigail? As we end today, what is David's intent (vss. 21-22)? Now God is not mentioned in this text, but where do you think He is being revealed? How about what is revealed about us as humans? Are you a Nabal, David, servant, or Abigail? What motivates each type of personality?

### **Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 25:23-44**

We close today with the remainder of the Nabal/David encounter. Yesterday we left off with Nabal being rude and inhospitable to David. David taking 400 men to knock out Nabal and a servant telling Abigail what is happening so she can fix it, which she begins to do and then heads out to meet David. When she arrives, how does she show respect to David (vss. 23-25)? Once the apology and respect are given, what does she tell David (vss. 26-31)? Do you think Abigail has wisdom as well as good sense? She points out that murdering Nabal would have been a sin in David's life and God has spared him that. Because David has not acted in vengeance, what does Abigail pray (vss. 29-31)? What is David's response (vss. 32-35)? Disaster is avoided, except now Abigail has to go home and tell Nabal. How does that story end (vs. 36-38)? What does that tell you about God? What is David's response to the death of Nabal (vs. 39)? How does Abigail respond (vss. 40-42)? With her statement in verse 41b, what indication about her marriage to Nabal do we get? We end with David marrying another woman, Ahinoam, from Jezreel and Saul marrying off David's first wife, Michal to someone else. What does this reveal to you about God and his actions in the world? What does this reveal to you about us? Consider Abigail's humility, David's acknowledgement of God's right to vengeance, and Nabal's foolishness. How does this point to Jesus? Jesus never sought revenge, did he? He came to save because all of us were already judged and sitting in God's wrath like Nabal.

### **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 28:15-19**