

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE TERROR OF THE LORD

I SAMUEL 11:1-15

MAY 21ST, 2023

- I. The Threat of the Ammonites: vs. 1-3
- II. Saul's Call to Action: vs. 4-7a
- III. The Unity and Victory of God's People: vs. 7b-11
- IV. The Public Recognition of Saul's Leadership: vs. 12-15
- V. Practical Takeaways
 - 1) Engage in the spiritual battle
 - 2) Cultivate a healthy fear of the Lord
 - 3) Receive salvation from our King Jesus

Questions:

1. As noted in the sermon, many of the events that take place in 1 Samuel 11 possess historical significance. Take a few moments and identify as many as you can:
 - Significance of Jabesh-gilead: Judges 19-21
 - Significance of Saul, the rescuer, being from Gibeah of Benjamin: Judges 19-21
 - Significance of Saul's message of cut up oxen: Judges 19-21
 - Significance of the number of men Saul gathers: Judges 7
 - Significance of Bezek: Judges 1
 - Significance of Gilgal: Joshua 3-4
2. Saul of Gibeah bring deliverance is a great "reversal" knowing what happened in Judges 19-21. In what specific ways have you experienced God's redemption in an area of your life that was sinful, broken, painful, etc. but God "reversed" and used for your good or the good of others?
3. In what ways do you tend to view the Christian life more like a playground than a battleground? What are the dangers of viewing the Christian life as a playground?
4. Review the following passages of Scripture as a group and answer this question: how do we engage in the spiritual battle Biblically?
 - Ephesians 6:10-13
 - Ephesians 6:14-17
 - Ephesians 6:18-20
 - 2 Cor. 6:7
 - 2 Cor. 10:4
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - Luke 4:1-13

5. We see Saul filled with the Spirit of God and God's people filled with the dread of the Lord in 1 Samuel 11:7. What are some practical ways to cultivate a healthy fear/dread/terror of the Lord and why is that important?
6. The theme of salvation has been emphasized throughout this section of 1 Samuel in 10:27, 11:3, 9, and 13. Why is it important to be reminded that our King Jesus is a God who delivers, saves, and rescues?