

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

DAVID ON THE RUN

I SAMUEL 21:1-15

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

- I. God's Provision is Sufficient: vs. 1-9
- II. God's Protection is Secure: vs. 10-15

Questions:

1. Many times when we are reading the Scriptures we crave additional detail. Fortunately, the Psalms provide further insight into 1 Samuel 21. As a group, spend some time digging into Psalm 34 and Psalm 56. Split up the small group into two groups and assign Psalm 34 to one group and Psalm 56 to the other. Give them 10-15 minutes with the assignment of answering the following three questions after they've read the Psalm together:
 - What descriptors does David use to describe his condition
 - What truths about God were important for David expressed in this Psalm?
 - How did David respond to his situation?Then, come back as a small group and share these insights.
2. In what ways did you see the providential hand of the Lord in this chapter and was there anything you learned about God's providence that was helpful?
 - Highlight the following: God's providence was shown in unexpected ways (i.e. the holy bread, Goliath's sword); God's providence was according to God's timeline; and God's providence did not lead to complete removal from physical "danger".
3. Why is understanding the providence of God (and not just His sovereignty) important as we walk through trials?
4. Fear is a common emotion we experience in this life and is seen even in David's life according to vs. 12. How does knowing God's protection is secure help alleviate our fears? What does God promise to protect us from?
5. Ask the group in what ways they can relate to David from 1 Samuel 21 and if anyone feels like they are going through the wilderness and need additional prayer and encouragement.