

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

TRUST IN THE JUST JUDGE

I SAMUEL 24:1-22

JANUARY 21ST, 2024

- I. An Example of Trust in God: vs. 1-7
- II. An Appeal to God's Justice: vs. 8-15
- III. An Assurance of God's Promise: vs. 16-22

Questions:

1. What would you have done if you were in David's shoes in vs. 4?
2. How do you discern God's will when faced with a decision to make? What is the most challenging aspect of that process?
3. Divide the small group into two groups. Assign one group to look at: 1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:15-20; Romans 12:2; Psalm 143:10; Hebrews 13:20-21. Assign the other group to look at: 1 Thess. 4:3; James 4:15; 1 Peter 4:19; Matt. 7:21; Hebrews 10:35-39. Allow 10-15 minutes for the two groups to look at the various passages and answer this question: what are some principles that can aid us in discerning God's will? Then, have each group share and discuss.
4. David has received unjust mistreatment from Saul and yet entrusts himself to God as the judge (1 Sam 24:12-15). Ask anyone in the group to share an example of how they have received mistreatment for being a Christian (not for being unkind or annoying).
5. Take a moment and read 1 Peter 2:19-23; 3:13-17. How do these passages inform the way we are to respond to suffering for doing good? What is the most challenging aspect of doing this faithfully?