

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A PICTURE OF HOPELESSNESS

I SAMUEL 28:1-25

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024

- I. A Desperate Saul: vs. 3-7
- II. A Disguised Saul: vs. 8-14
- III. A Deserted Saul: vs. 15-19
- IV. A Distraught Saul: vs. 20-25
- V. Application
 - 1) Desire the Guide more than guidance
 - 2) Put your trials in the proper context

Questions:

1. Saul was driven to desperation in this chapter. Share a time in your life in which you felt desperate (needing direction, clarity, unresolved problem/issue, or feeling stuck, lacking hope, etc.). How did you steward the desperation? What does it look like to faithfully use these seasons of desperation?
2. Have you had a moment of desiring guidance more than God? If so, share with the group and the impact that had on you spiritually.
3. What does it look like practically to desire God more than clarity?
4. Why is it so important to put our trials in the proper context/perspective? What are the dangers of failing to do so?
5. What does it look like to have the right perspective on the trials we face and how does vs. 15 help us?
6. Throughout this chapter, Saul is a picture of utter hopelessness. In contrast, Jesus is the Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3). What is the role of Jesus-grounded hope in the midst of trials, desperation, and challenging circumstances?