

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE TRUE RIGHTEOUS ONE

I SAMUEL 26:1-25

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

- I. The Setting: vs. 1-5
- II. Conversation #1: David and Abishai: vs. 6-12
- III. Conversation #3: David and Abner: vs. 13-16
- IV. Conversation #4: David and Saul: vs. 17-25

Questions:

1. Take a moment and read 1 Peter 1:6-8 as a group. Discuss how God uses trials as a fire to test our faith. How has this been experienced in your life? Then, discuss how this was on display in David's life in the trio of tests/temptations from 1 Samuel 24-26.
2. As a friendly competition, split up into two groups. Have a countdown of 3 or 4 minutes and challenge both groups to compare chapters 24 and 26 to see who can come up with the most similarities between these two chapters (Similarities being something significant to the narrative such as "Saul's 3,000 men" not "both chapters use the word 'the'").
3. Spend a few minutes discussing the differences between chapters 24 and 26 and why they are significant to the overall meaning of this chapter.
4. David demonstrated the ability to give up control, wait patiently, and trust the Lord. Why is trusting in God's timetable so challenging for you? Is there something you are walking through right now that makes trusting in God's timeline difficult that you need prayer for?
5. In vs. 23, David mentions righteousness and faithfulness as something the Lord rewards. Why are passages like Romans 3:10 and Romans 3:21-26 so important?