

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE RIGHT REASON

Getting Started

Tell about a circumstance in your life when things didn't work out the way you hoped. What did you do?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why didn't David take Saul's life when he had the chance?
2. Why did David cut off part of Saul's robe? Why does he feel guilty about it?
3. Think of the person you have the hardest time getting along with. What can you do to follow David's example of returning good for evil to the "Saul" in your life?
4. What are some of the things we do when we are waiting for circumstances to change? (Give positive and/or negative examples)
5. When have you seen God come through for you? How long did it take? What did it teach you about being patient?

6. What tough decisions are you facing right now? How can you make the RIGHT decision at the RIGHT time for the RIGHT reason?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to make good decisions in our lives. Help us to think through the consequences and not to react in the heat of the moment. Thank you for the example of David who learned how to be patient and wait on your timing. Help us to be patient in the waiting seasons of life. Amen.

Going Deeper: Take a few minutes to read I Samuel, chapters 24-26. Notice how David does not respond with patience in chapter 25, but we see patience return in chapter 26. Why do you think that happens? How does this reflect the struggles and responses in our own lives?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Saul came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, 'This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.' Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe." I Samuel 24:3-4

"Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, 'The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed...'" I Samuel 24:5-7