



“What to Do When You Don’t Know What to Do”

1 Samuel 23:1-18

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:



KNOWING GOD

- a) Read 1 Samuel 23:1-18.

- b) What is the decision David needs to make in verses 1-6 of this week’s story?

- c) What does David have to lose if he makes a bad decision?

- d) What is the decision David needs to make in verses 7-12?

- e) How did David go about making his decisions?

- f) What does God reveal about human nature in this week’s passage?

- g) What does God reveal about himself in this week’s passage?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) Do you need to make a decision in the near future? If so, describe the situation:

b) What have you done so far to help you make that decision? (Or, what do you normally do when making decisions?)

c) List all the things a Christian might do in order to discern God's will in a particular situation:

d) In his sermon, Mike warned against a morbid, anxious preoccupation with figuring out God's will in specific situations. For instance, a person might obsess about choosing between Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies cereal. Do you agree that there are limits to which one should go in trying to figure out the will of God? In other words, when are we free to make decisions "on our own," and when are we not?

e) Do you make adequate use of the body of Christ when making decisions? If not, what keeps you from consulting others before making important decisions?



SERVING OTHERS

a) In this week's passage, Jonathan comes to David in the Desert of Ziph and helps him find strength in God (vs. 16). Think of someone you know who is in a "desert" right now and may need a friend to come alongside:

b) Jonathan and David made a covenant with each other (vs. 18). What would a covenant look like between you and your friend?

c) Spend some time praying for people you know who are facing an important decision or going through trial.

d) This week, memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."