

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 Samuel 23:16**UNITED KINGDOM 11-1**

And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in the Lord.

**"EXPERIENCES IN THE CAVE"
READ 1 Samuel 21:1 - 24:22****DAY 1 - READ 1 SAMUEL 21:1 - 24:22**

1. Share some insight you received from last week's lesson.

2. In today's reading, David was driven to extreme measures to stay alive and let God deal with Saul. What did David do in these verses?
 - a. 21:6
 - b. 21:13
 - c. 23:7
 - d. 23:12,13
 - e. 24:5-7

DAY 2 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 21:1-15

3. What lie did David tell the priest Ahimelech as to why he had no weapons or provisions?

4. a. In what practical way did Ahimelech help David?
 - b. What are some practical ways you've ministered to someone in need?

5. a. Who observed David in verse 7?
 - b. Read Psalm 52 with its title. How did David describe him in the psalm (vs.1-3)?

6. David fled to Gath, the hometown of Goliath whom he had killed.
 - a. Why was he afraid?
 - b. How did he protect himself and was it effective?
 - c. What did he learn from this experience according to Psalm 56:3-4?
 - d. Share a time when circumstances turned your eyes from fear of men to trust in God.

DAY 3 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 22:1-23

7. a. As a fugitive in the cave of Adullam, who were David's companions?
 - b. What provision did he make for his parents?
8. A "cave" experience does not exempt us from fulfilling responsibilities. Share a time when that was true in your life and what you learned from it.
9. What was Saul's complaint in verse 8?
10. When Doeg accused Ahimelech of conspiracy with David, how did Ahimelech justify himself to Saul?
11. David's lie caused what fate to befall Ahimelech?
12. a. _____ escaped and fled to David. How did David accept the news?
 - b. What offer did he make?
 - c. What did you learn for yourself in this chapter about lies?
... about the truth?

DAY 4 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 23:1-29

13. What resistance did David face in verses 1-4?
14. a. David was obedient to God. What was the outcome?
 - b. How were the citizens of Keilah going to repay him?
15. a. Describe David's lifestyle in verses 13,14.
 - b. Why do you think Jonathan's visit would be so welcomed?
 - c. How would you help someone "find strength in the Lord?"
16. a. Who offered to help Saul find David?
 - b. How close did Saul come to succeeding in verses 26-28?
 - c. In light of David's betrayal by the men of Keilah and the Ziphites, what do you think David would learn from his deliverance here?
17. Read Psalm 54 with its title. Choose one verse that you feel gives the theme of this psalm.

DAY 5 - REVIEW 1 SAMUEL 24:1-22

18. David's men numbered _____ (23:13). Saul's men numbered _____ (24:2).
19. a. David was presented with opportunity to kill Saul. Instead, what did he do?
- b. Why did that act cause him to be conscience-stricken?
20. a. Observe David's posture (vs.8) and hear the tone of his words in verses 8-15. How did he view his relationship with Saul?
- . . . with God?
- b. How hard is it for you to ignore the counsel of men in favor of listening to the counsel of God?
- 21 .a. What did Saul confess in verse 17?
- . . . verse 20?
- b. What oath did David swear?
22. Do you think David might have had reason to distrust Saul? Why or why not?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: