

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Pursuit: A study of David
Sermon Title	Sanctuary
Bible Texts	1 Samuel 21-22
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### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

- Question 1: Are there events in your life where you could clearly see the Lord's faithfulness to you?
- Question 2: David went to a priest to seek and ascertain the Lord's guidance when he was in trouble. What tools do you use when seeking the Lord's guidance?

**How do we find refuge in God during our darkest times? David learned lessons about trusting God while fleeing from Saul in the wilderness. What can we learn from his experiences?**

### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

- Question 3: David had faced an overwhelming enemy in Goliath. Now he is facing a new adversary. Why was Saul a different kind of enemy for David?
- Question 4: Why might David have chosen to go to Ahimelech the priest as he flees from Saul?

**David went to the priest at Nob for help. Ahimelech is fearful, seeing David without his army.**

- Question 5: How did David respond to Ahimelech's question? Why did he hide the truth from Ahimelech?
- Question 6: How did the Lord provide food for David and his companions? Why was it acceptable for them to eat the consecrated bread? (Matthew 12:3-4, Mark 2:25-26)
- Question 7: After this, David fled to Achish, king of Gath, where he feigned insanity. Why did he do that, and why would he choose Goliath's hometown?
- Question 8: How can fear compromise our wisdom and our faith?
- Question 9: When David encountered Achish, king of Gath, he might well have been hitting rock bottom. When you hit rock bottom, how do you make God your refuge?

**David earnestly sought God's help, and God strengthened him. He journaled for us in his psalms.**

- Question 10: Psalm 56 reveals what is going on inside David after fleeing from Saul to Gath. What changes do we see in David in this psalm?
- Question 11: Psalm 34 was written when he escaped from Gath. How does he describe his deliverance in verses 4-7? What lessons does he teach in verses 11-14?

Question 12: Psalms 57 and 142 are prayers from the cave. Reflecting on these psalms, what was changing in David since he left Ahimelech and the king of Gath? What lessons do you see here that can also guide your faith?

Question 13: During his time at Adullam, what changed in his relationships? Why do you think these people were drawn to him now? (22:1-5)

Question 14: How did David provide for his family? How did he respond to the prophet Gad's guidance?

Question 15: How did all these experiences help prepare David for his future as king?

**Saul's "accidental spy"—The Edomites had a long history of hostility toward Israel (Numbers 20), but Saul had an Edomite named Doeg in his service. Doeg had no reverence for the Israelite priesthood but was very loyal to Saul.**

**As far as Saul was concerned, unwillingness to help him hunt David down was treason.**

Question 16: Why did Saul want to kill the priests of Nob? (22:6-10)

Question 17: Why was Ahimelech completely innocent of Saul's accusations? (22:11-16)

Question 18: Why were the officials unwilling to kill the priests, but Doeg was happy to do that and more? (22:17-23)

Question 19: What did David have to say about Doeg in Psalm 52?

**Like David, Jesus was also rejected by those in power but was protected and then exalted by God.**

Question 20: What parallels do we see between the rejection of David and the rejections of Jesus? (e.g., Matthew 12:14)

Question 21: What parallels do you see between those who aligned themselves to David (22:2) and yourself?

Question 22: David was king for a time, but Jesus is king forever, and those who follow him will inherit his kingdom. What are your favorite scriptures that describe the restoration you look forward to?

## DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 23: How can you identify with David's struggles as he is pursued by Saul?

Question 24: What in your study of David has provided you help as you make choices in your daily walk with Jesus?

Question 25: What is your greatest comfort in knowing that you are chosen by God?