

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

**Whenever I Am Afraid**

*1 Samuel 21*

What we learn from David is not how to be afraid but how to respond when we are afraid. David remembers his God, and he remembers God's Word.

Jesus rescues people from the grave itself. He promises life in a new world and a body that lasts forever. Jesus displays the generosity of God, by giving His life to buy life for us.

Ultimately, justice must come to the world. Evil cannot go unpunished, and good must be rewarded.

## **Digging Deeper into the Message**

*Read Psalm 34 and answer the questions. David wrote this song during our story in 1 Samuel 21.*

First, read through the whole chapter once. What does the caption in your bible say about this Psalm?

What does David start out doing? (verses 1-3)

Contrast the type of “fear” in verse 4 with the word “fear” in verses 7-11? How can these verses (4-11) comfort a fearful person?

What do people who fear the Lord DO? (verses 11-14)

What does verse 18 say about deep sadness (which often accompanies fear)?

Can you summarize the main idea of the passage in a sentence?

What is one way you can apply this passage to your life?

## **Community Group**

**ICEBREAKER: What is something silly that you were afraid of when you were a kid?**

### **QUESTIONS:**

- ❖ What are some unhealthy responses to fear?  
How do you typically respond to fear? What do you do to get yourself calmed down when you're really afraid?
- ❖ Read the 1<sup>st</sup> point on the MAP. According to the sermon, what is a healthy and helpful way to respond to fear?
- ❖ Have you found your love for God's word growing as you read through the Bible this year? If not, pray and ask God to change that!
- ❖ Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> points on the MAP. What specific injustices/examples of people being treated unfairly really get under your skin?
- ❖ Why do you think injustice bothers us so much?
- ❖ David prayed that God would kill his enemies and the oppressive people of the world. Why are we not supposed to pray that today?
- ❖ How did Jesus say we need to pray for people who hurt us?
- ❖ Is there anything else from the sermon that you hoped we would talk about today?

**APPLICATION: Is there anyone who you need to forgive from your heart?**