

Deja Vu

1 Samuel 26-27:1

*Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you!
Be forgiving sin, or sin will kill you!*

1. Old habits die hard

2. One spiritual victory doesn't guarantee another, but habits are powerful
 - a. Obedience begets obedience

 - b. Disobedience begets disobedience

3. Extending truth and grace to our offender empowers them with choice

For Further Study and Reflection:

Sin and Temptation by John Owen

Good and Angry by David Powlison

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande

Forgive by Tim Keller

Small Group Questions

- 1.** How many times has Saul tried to kill David? What confidence does David have that Saul will leave him alone?
- 2.** What steps does David take to get out of Saul's crosshairs? Have his efforts worked?
- 3.** Have you ever had to deal with a repeat offender in your life? How many times are we to forgive someone who sins against us? (Matthew 18:21, 22) What criteria or conditions (if any) are required to offer forgiveness?
- 4.** John the Baptist also taught: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Matthew 3:8). How should this inform the way we approach forgiveness?
- 5.** What will the journey of sanctification look like for all of us? Why is it that our own sins seem so tolerable, while the sins of others seem so egregious?
- 6.** What are the risks of unforgiveness? What are the risks of cheap forgiveness? Where is God working in you regarding these matters? How can we pray for each other?