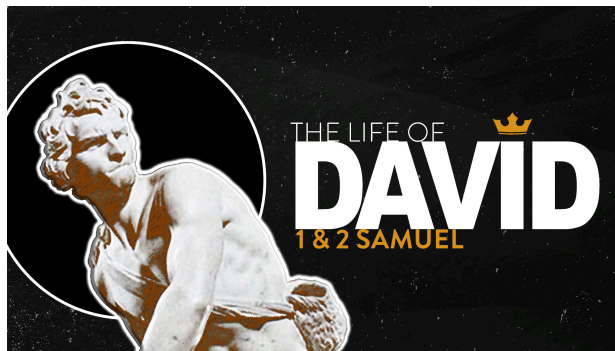




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David Shows Mercy to Saul | 1 Samuel 24:1-5

1. When have you needed to trust God's timing even if it meant waiting longer than you hoped? Or when have you had to trust God's plan even if the one you had seemed to make more sense to you?
2. Read the story out loud together again: 1 Samuel 24:1-15.
3. What stands out? What do you notice now that you missed on Sunday?
4. How can David's reverence for God be a model for us when we are tempted to take shortcuts?
5. The Bible uses a lot of imagery to describe what God is like. David seemed to be drawn to the idea of God as a "refuge." How is this a fitting description? How have you experienced God as a refuge in your own life?
6. Read Psalm 57 together.
7. Take a moment to read Saul's response, which we didn't have time for on Sunday: 1 Samuel 24:16-22. Anything surprising, uncomfortable, or exciting that jumps out at you?
8. Why is mercy so difficult to show? How does our view of God's justice affect our ability or even willingness to show others mercy?
9. Read 1 Peter 2:21-23 together. Peter describes Jesus as our example. What might it look like - in specific ways - for us to follow Jesus' example and be a merciful community this week, entrusting ourselves to the God who judges justly?
10. Go...and do those things that Mercy asks of you, even the hard things, that the world might know the Good News of Jesus.