

STUDY GUIDE

1 Samuel 19-31

“Testing the Trust of the Heart”

- 1) How is the definition of Biblical “faith/belief” different than the “faith/belief” as it is defined in the world we live in?
- 2) In being threatened by Saul, David initially put his trust in people and in himself, rather than God. Other than God, whom or what do we often put our trust in when we feel threatened?
- 3) David’s actions of pretending to be a madman in front of King Achish in the enemy city of Gath remind us how a people of faith in God can gradually become a people of fear and unbelief. What fears and unbelief’s cause Christians to act differently in our world today?
- 4) Saul’s murder of the priests and everyone in the city of Nob was a reflection of to what extent people will go once they have rejected God. Where do we see that in our culture and society?
- 5) In what ways did David’s behavior reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ? In what ways can our behavior reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 6) What sin(s) could David have fallen into in response to Saul’s throwing spears at him? How do we “throw spears” at one another today? How should we respond to spears thrown at us?
- 7) What sin(s) could David have fallen into in response to Saul’s mistreatment? How do we mistreat one another today? How should we respond when we are mistreated?
- 8) David went through the wilderness testing of his trust in God and David had experienced spiritual caves of fully giving himself to God, so that he would be prepared and equip to serve God. Share how God has done so or how He is doing the so in your life today.

David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

And afterward David's heart struck him. 1 Samuel 24:4-5