

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
God Uses Ordinary People to Build His Kingdom
God's Presence in David's Life
I Samuel 20



Big Idea

How Does God's Presence Play Out in Your Life so Others Will Know Where Your Hope Is Found?

1. God created us for supportive relationships along our faith journey.
2. God desires that our reactions are merciful and not ritual.
3. The presence of God in hope and trust does not free you from struggle.

Introduction

Think of a time you made a promise (or someone made a promise to you). Was the promise kept? Why or why not? Did the relationship with the person influence how the promise was kept?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read **I Samuel 20:1-42**.

What does David's choice to seek out Jonathan (while Saul was trying to kill him) tell us about their relationship? Compare and contrast Jonathan's relationship with Saul and David. How does trust (or lack of trust) affect relationships? Give an example if you think of one.

How does David handle his precarious situation (vs. 5)? What does he ask of Jonathan? What does David expect from Jonathan (vs 8)? Why? How does our integrity toward God influence integrity in relationships?

In verses 12-17, Jonathan makes a choice between his father and David. Describe Jonathan's choice and how it might affect his future. What was Jonathan giving up? In what ways do we make choices for God's kingdom over our kingdom?

What did Jonathan request of David (vs 14-15)? Why would he make this request at this time? Look at II Samuel 9. How does David eventually fulfill Jonathan's request? How does this reflect God's grace to us?

Describe Jonathan's plan to rescue David (vs. 18-23)? What is the basis of Jonathan's commitment (vs. 16,17,23,42)? What might have happened if Jonathan did not show integrity toward David or David did not trust Jonathan? How might this example help us in our relationships with one another?

How do we see the gospel reflected in this story? Hint: Think of mercy & grace, kingdom, covenant, love, and integrity of relationship.

Next Steps

Commit to show integrity in our relationships based on our commitment to Jesus.

Make a list of choices that you face in giving up your Kingdom for God's Kingdom.

Think of one way you can extend grace to someone this week.

Prayer

Thank God for his faithfulness and grace that he demonstrated to us in Jesus. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.