

## Week 4 (2nd Qtr) Study Questions

1. The prevailing theme in this time of David's life is his faithfulness to the Lord. Read Psalm 26. Notice the constant desire of David for God to examine his heart and actions? When reading this Psalm, try to think about saying these words to God about yourself. Would saying these words asking God to examine your day-to-day actions make a bit uncomfortable? Notice in Psalm 142 that David is just a regular man whose soul at times cries out to the Lord, and he too had struggles. Read 1 John 1:1-10. If you have obeyed the gospel of Christ and are constantly "walking in the light", you can also have the same confidence in your state before the God of heaven. If this is your spiritual state, then what can be complete according to 1 John 1:4?
2. The story of David taking the showbread (1 Samuel 21:1-9) is made note of by Jesus in Matthew 12:1-8. Jesus uses it as an example of David breaking the law justly, as a defense of what charge that was brought against His apostles? What weapon, which David has used before, does David gain from this encounter with Ahimelech? In what city does this occur?
3. Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15. Where does David go after his encounter with Ahimelech? What king does he go to? What is that King's reaction to David? What does David do to keep himself safe?
4. What family members does David protect in 1 Samuel 22:1-5? How does he protect them? Where is he told to go by the prophet Gad? Where in that region does he hid?
5. What tragic events happen in 1 Samuel 22:6-23? Who is the "snitch" in the story? Who commits the great evil, and why was he asked to do it? David picks up a new traveling companion who is it and why is that person with David? David's reputation as a leader and a Godly man draws followers more to him an account of this is detailed in 1 Chronicles 12:16-18. How does that compare with a decent of David in Luke 2:51-52? This power and importance of this type of Godly influence is presented by Jesus in Matthew 5:13-16. What lesson can we learn from the internal light is drawing followers to David, and the methods that Saul has been using to insure loyalty? What does this say of how we are to influence our world today?
6. David's desire for others to be loyal to God is expressed in Psalm 34. By recording this for us, we see that David has a concern for the value of the soul of others. In what ways today can we show that we have concern for the soul of others? David keeps this spirit of mercy and concern for others by drawing strength from God (Psalm 141).
7. David desired to do God's will in his life. Notice in 1 Samuel 23:1-13, David saves the city of Keilah. What does David do before saving the city to confirm that this is what he should do? How many times? What nation or group of people does David battle to save Keilah. In what region does this occur? Who finds out about David's location? What does he plan to do with the knowledge of his location? Does David presume to think that just because he saved the inhabitants of Keilah that will not turn him into Saul? What does David do to confirm the loyalty of Keilah? Often in our lives we act impulsively. We do things and take decisions that are based on our own person desire and whelms at the moment without any concern of the long term effects. Notice the contrast of David. He is constantly considering God's will in his actions.

8. We see in 1 Samuel 23:14-29 that Saul does not give up on trying to kill David. Who is a key person in this time to keep David's spirits up? David is almost caught on a mountain in what Area of Israel? What breaks off King Saul's pursuit? This constraint struggle affects David as evident by Psalm 56. What does David do when he is in doubt or afraid? What can we do today?
9. In 1 Samuel 24:1-22 we see David's respect for "God's Anointed" cause him to spare someone's life. Whose life was spared? Where did this occur? How did David prove that he could have killed his enemy? How did this affect King Saul? What can Christians learn from this lesson in how we behave today? How does Psalm 54 correlate to the struggle between Saul and David?
10. An event in 1 Samuel 25:1-44 shows us that Samuel is very likely not the author of all of the book of 1 Samuel. What event is that? David's men make a request of Nabal. What is the request and what was his response? How does Abigail the wife of Nabal spare her husband from being killed by David's men? Describe the events that lead to Nabal finding out what Abigail did. What happens to Nabal once he finds out what his wife did? What is the final fate of Abigail?
11. David and Saul have an event that seems to repeat an earlier set of events in 1 Samuel 26. Again David spare's Saul due to Saul's role as what? How does David prove that he spared Saul this time? What is Saul's response?
12. David uses another nation to protect him in 1 Samuel 27. What nation does he go to for protection? What actions do David and his men (1 Chronicles 12:1-7) take to give the King of this nation the impression that David was at war with King Saul and Israel?
13. Read each of the following Psalms 13, 17, 31, 35, 52, 57, 64, 108, 109, and 140. For each Psalm write down at least one application in the story of David we have studied so far and at least one application to your life or the life of a twenty-first century Christian in general.