Discussion Questions for The Story of David Pt4 | October 17, 2021

Key Bible Passages: 1 Samuel 24, Psalm 142

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever spent time in a physical wilderness environment (hiking, backpacking, camping, etc.)? What made the elements challenging?
- 2. Describe a figurative wilderness season you've experienced in your life.
- 3. Read Psalm 142. This was apparently written to reflect David's experience in the cave.
 - a. What strikes you most about this psalm?
 - b. What are the main emotions David is feeling?
- 4. Read 1 Samuel 24 on your own. Discuss these questions as a group.
 - a. If David had killed Saul and become king, would we be surprised?
 - b. The message suggested three reasons David chose to spare Saul:
 - i. He didn't want to displace what God had put into place.
 - ii. He considered the long-term consequences.
 - iii. He left vengeance and vindication to God.
 - c. Which of these reasons seems most compelling to you?
 - d. Do you think there are other reasons David chose to spare Saul?
- 5. Why is it so hard to watch for God and wait for God in the wilderness?
- 6. In what ways (if any) do you feel like you're in a wilderness right now? Be honest with the group.
- 7. How did this story and message challenge you personally?

Moving Forward

- Read Psalm 130 each morning this week.
- Look for opportunities this week when you're waiting for someone or something and just *wait*. Resist the temptation to get on your phone or do something else while waiting. Take the time to be present and maybe offer you anxieties to God.
- Consider doing a study on waiting in the Bible. How often does this theme show up in the Psalms or the Bible in general? Is God ever in a hurry?