

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 your 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?