

May 4 – 10

Connect with God | God's Direction in Difficult Decisions

Icebreaker: What is a difficult decision you faced when you were not sure what to do? What helped you make that decision—or what did you wish you had at that moment?

In this session, we'll explore how we can seek God's direction in the most difficult of decisions.

David is on the run from King Saul, who is consumed with jealousy and determined to kill him. David is living as a fugitive in the wilderness.

Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7

- Would David have been justified in killing Saul? Why or why not?
- What kept him from taking advantage of this opportunity?
- David's men claimed this was God fulfilling a promise. Were they correct?
- Read Exodus 22:28, Leviticus 19:18, Deuteronomy 32:35. What do these verses teach us about respecting authority and leaving vengeance to God?
- Why was David convicted by the cutting of Saul's robe? What does this demonstrate about David's character? How do we see David's heart toward God even in this small act?

Read Read 1 Samuel 24:8-22

- How does David make himself vulnerable in approaching Saul?
- What do you learn about each man in their conversation?
- What is the spiritual posture each of them takes before God in this moment?

Application

- What would you have done if you were in David's position?
- Have you ever desired revenge? What did that desire do in your heart?
- Why is it better to leave justice in God's hands?
- When someone wrongs you, how do you keep God's presence in view as you respond?
- Pastor Rob talked about questions for navigating gray areas:
 - *Is there clear biblical precedent for this choice?*
 - *Would this decision poorly reflect God's character or impact your relationship with Him?*
 - *Would it cause someone else to stumble into sin?*
 - *Could it lead to something having control over your life (like addiction or idolatry)?*
- Share a current or past "gray area" decision. Use these four questions together to help one another process it.

Read Psalm 32:8. Pray together, asking God to guide each person in any hard or uncertain decisions they're facing.