

Sermon -- Questions

Date: March 13, 2022

Title: Finding Strength in a Time of Despair (The Story of David)

Text: 1Sam 30:1-8

David and his men return home to find it destroyed and all their families carried off. Crisis brings opportunity: wallow in bitterness or find strength in the Lord. See the sermon at...

https://youtu.be/pb2-bKa_vGk

General

- 1. Go around and share a highlight and a low light since you last met.**
- 2. What stood out to you in the sermon?**
- 3. What was one thing in the sermon that was challenging?**
- 4. What was one thing in the sermon that was encouraging?**
- 5. What do you want to be different this week in your life?**

Sermon Specific

- 1. Share a time when you experienced an unexpected crisis and what kept it from spiraling out of control? (e.g., swimming at the lake and someone started to drown, I panicked but the lifeguard took control and saved the day. Or unexpected death in the family and a sibling stepped up to take care of the details).**
- 2. Easy polarization is a major issue in our country, churches, and families. How do we build up authentic unity? (Hint: As a church we build unity by gathering, singing, praying, and eating together.)**
- 3. David's men were bitter because their obedience and faithful following seemingly led them to disaster. Phil taught us that bitterness works most effectively against our own self. Name an area of bitterness, either past or present, that you recognize as a stumbling block.**
- 4. Despite the desperate moment and loss David finds strength in the Lord. But this is easier said than done. Phil showed us that there are many elements that go into seeking wisdom from God. Worship, thankfulness, reflection on his past work, were mentioned by Phil but what would you add as an essential ingredient to resting in God's strength during a time of crisis.**
- 5. In this story there are victims carried off, bitter/angry people, a leader with a burden of responsibility, troublemakers, and the weary. Who are you in this story and how can you open yourself more to Jesus' rescuing work?**