

Sermon -- Questions

Date: May 15, 2022 (33/South)

Title: David and the Envy Trap

Text: 1 Sam 18:6-9

In this passage Saul realizes that David has been chosen by God and the envy starts to boil over. Envy is a part of the DNA of our culture, but should it be? Glen preaches on the symptoms and outcomes of living with envy. But Jesus gives us a way out of this deadly sin.

<https://youtu.be/OFBO0OPiSHg>

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. Glen told the story of going to the doctor because he felt off, which uncovered high blood pressure. Like our physical body our spirit can also “feel off”. What are the warning signs in your life of being spiritually unwell? (e.g., avoiding prayer, feeling disconnected from church life, numbness toward anything spiritual, etc.)
2. Envy has traditionally been called a deadly sin but in what sense does it lead to dying? Gluttony leads to obesity, Anger leads to murder, but what does Envy lead to?
3. Glen cheekily told us to just stop being envious and then pointed out that we cannot. Envy emerges out of what we worship. If you could have anything in the world (money, power, intelligence, success, beauty, family, etc.) what would you choose? How does worship of that thing express itself in our culture?
4. The overly simple way of dealing with envy is to curb our desire to strive and achieve. If there is no comparison, then there is no problem. Here is another way of saying it, “The unaimed arrow never misses.” Is there a proper place for comparison and competition in the church? (Consider 1Cor. 12).