

# The Counsellor

Week of January 11: 1 Samuel 25-26

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## Observation

1. The text this week is quite long. Have CG members read over the two stories silently on their own. You might also want to ask people to read these chapters before the meeting.

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2. What stands out to you as you read? What questions do you have?

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### **Observation: What does it say?**

1. What do you notice about the text?  
Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

# Interpretation

1. Compare the two accounts (Chapter 25 & 26).

What is the temptation for David in each of these?

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2. Take a closer look at what Abigail says to David in 12:24-31. What counsel does she give to him? What does she remind him about God?

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3. In what ways does Abigail's council prove to be true? Where do you see this in the rest of the text?

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## Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

## Application

1. How do you experience God speaking into your life? How does he remind you of truth today? Share an example.
2. In our lives, where do we have a hard time trusting that God will bring about his purposes? How might we grow in trusting him more?

## Suggestion for Prayer

Pray for each other God would help you grow in trusting him with all areas of your life. Pray that and that he would open your eyes to where he is working in your lives.