

The Restoration of David

Week of February 8: 1 Samuel 29-30
The study will focus on Chapter 30 only.

Observation

1. Read Chapter 30. What do you notice as you read?

2. What questions do you have?

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. What is the significance of David's destroying the Amalekites (see 1 Samuel 15)?

2. Where do you see the Lord's action in this passage?

3. Why do you think it was important to David that the plunder be shared equally, even with those who guarded the supplies? What might this show about how David sees God?

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. In verse 6 we read that “David found strength in the Lord his God.” In your own life, how do you draw strength from God?
2. Chapter 30 begins with a very bad situation, but by the end God restored to them what was lost. Can you think of a time when you turned away from God? How was your relationship with him restored?

Suggestion for Prayer

Pray for friends and family members who are far from God. Pray that God would restore them to himself.