

Week of October 5: 1 Samuel 18

THE LORD WAS WITH DAVID



Observation

1. Read 1 Samuel chapter 18:12-18:30. What stands out to you in this account?

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 motivates Saul's actions in this passage?

2. In verse 12 and verse 28, how did Saul know that God was 'with' David? What did he mean by this?

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. Are there any ways that you can relate to Saul in his desire to hold on to what he had? How might you trust God with these things?

2. Are there circumstances in your life where it would make a difference to remember that God is with you? What would change if you did?

Suggestions for Prayer

Pray using the acronym ACTS:

- **Adoration:** Praise God for who he is
- **Confession:** Allow space for people to ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind any sin in their lives. Any ways they lived that is not glorifying to God. Have them silently confess this to him in prayer.
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for the specific good he has done for you in the past weeks.
- **Supplication:** Spend time praying for each other.