

Week of October 19: 1 Samuel 20

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Observation

1. Read 1 Samuel 20. How many references are there in this chapter to family relationships (father, son, family, etc.)?

2. What questions do you have after reading?

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. In this passage we see Jonathan taking David's side against his father the king. Why do you think that he sided with David?

2. Do you think that it was right for him to resist the authority of a king that God had put in place? Why or why not?

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 view the balance between obligation to family and obligation to God?

2. Have you ever felt called to give up something in order to honour God?

Suggestions for Prayer

Spend time praying for your families and especially for family members who are not believers.