The Life of David

In-Depth Bible Study Series

David on the Run

1 Samuel 21-22

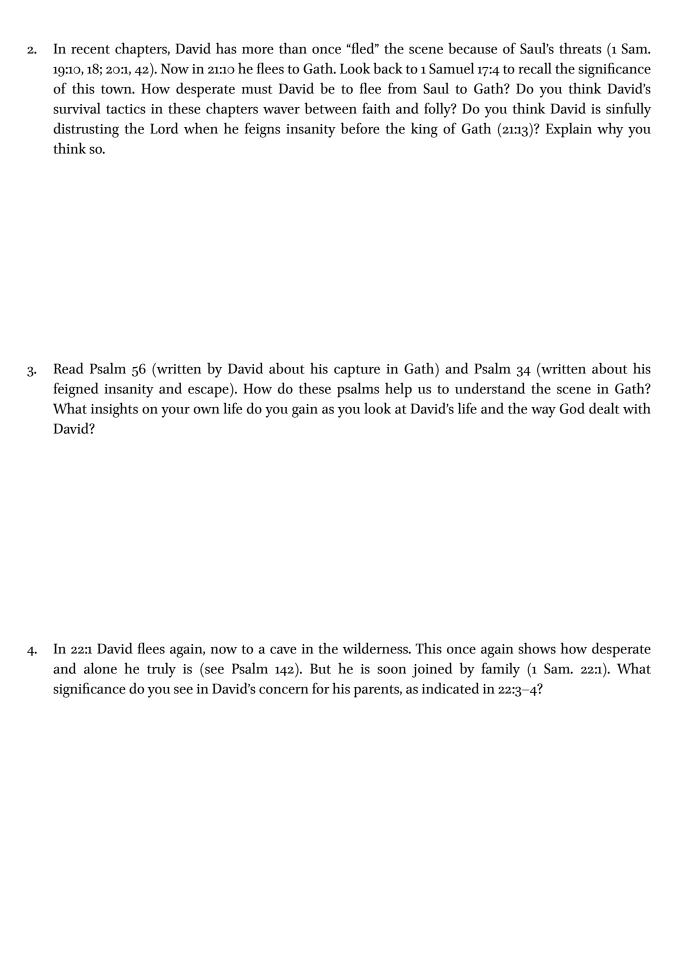
Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You entered this sinful world to defeat sin and evil and to set us free from the chains of sin and the condemnation of your Law. Gather us to You, redeemed and forgiven, that we may share in Your victory and rejoice to be Your people. Amen.

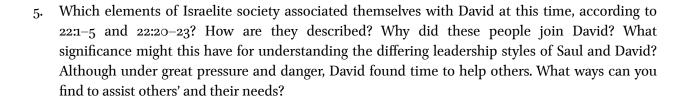
Read through the complete passage for this study, 1 Samuel 21–22. Then review the questions below concerning this section of 1 Samuel and write your notes on them. As you prepare, ask yourself: What does the passage actually say? What does the passage mean? How does this truth affect my life? What does this tell me about the Gospel? (For further background, see the Lutheran Study Bible, pages 470–473, or any other study bible you may have).

1. Saul was condemned for offering sacrifices that only a priest should offer. Why is David not condemned for eating bread that only a priest should eat? (See: 1 Sam. 13:8-15; Lev. 24:9). However, Jesus comments on this very scene. Read Mark 2:23–28. How does Jesus' commentary affect our understanding of David's receiving the holy bread? How do we know when it is permitted to break one of God's commands? What does the holy bread prefigure?

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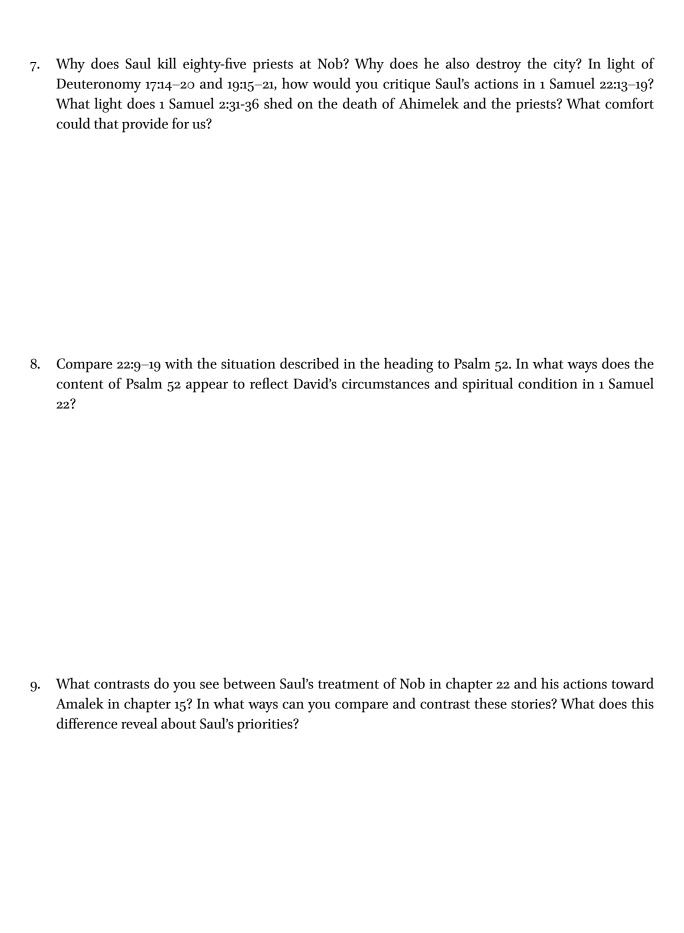


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6. Sandwiched between scenes in the cave with David and his men (22:1–5, 20–23) is a horrific scene of Saul's brutal execution of the priests of Nob and their families via his henchman, Doeg the Edomite (vv. 16–19). This provides an important contrast between the two "kings." What contrasts do you see between Saul and David in chapter 22?

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10.	David is a king who welcomes the lowly and needy. Such people find refuge in him. What does that tell you about Jesus? (See Luke 7:34 and Matt. 11:28).
11.	What would you select as the key verse or passage in 1 Samuel 21-22—one that best captures or reflects the dynamics of what these chapters are all about?
12.	List any lingering questions you have about 1 Samuel 21-22.

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