

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY FOR 10/10/12

1. David offered the following comment when talking with Saul after once again sparing Saul's life: "As surely as I valued your life today, so may the Lord value my life and deliver me from all trouble" (1 Samuel 26:24). How has Jesus showed the value he places on David's life and ours (Mark 10:45)? As God's Spirit empowers us through Word and Sacraments, how are we moved to regard others (Romans 12:20)?
2. Consider 1 Samuel 28:7-10. What evidence do these short verses provide of the hold of sin upon Saul? See also James 1:15.
3. Truly amazing are the ways in which God protects and otherwise provides for His people. The enemies of God's people giving protection to David and his men for a period of time is but one example (1 Samuel 29). What examples of God's care and provision in your life illustrate the amazing ways in which God works? See also 1 Corinthians 1:25-31.
4. When disaster or troubles overtake us, we can respond in one of two ways. See 1 Samuel 30:6 and explain.
5. 1 Samuel 31 describes Saul's tragic death at his own hand. Review 1 Samuel 31:1-4 and Matthew 27:41-50. Contrast the death of Saul and the death of Jesus.
6. Saul, who had repeatedly hunted and sought to kill David, committed suicide in the battle that also took the life of Jonathan, Saul's son and David's closest friend. Note the lament David wrote concerning Saul and his son Jonathan (2 Samuel 1:19-27). In what way is David's lament remarkable, given the circumstances of Saul's relationship with David? What does it reveal about David's faith?
7. 2 Samuel 4:1-12 records how brothers Recab and Bannah did the wrong thing for the right reason and suffered the consequences. What examples of doing the wrong thing for the right reason do you find in your own life or in the world around you?