

1 SAMUEL 14:1-23

1. THE SETTING (vv. 1-5)

a. People

b. Geography

2. THE PLAN (vv. 6-10)

3. THE PLAN IN ACTION (vv. 11-15)

4. ISRAEL RESPONDS; GOD SAVES (vv. 16-23)

5. JONATHAN'S EXAMPLE

a. Faith & Action

b. Faith & Thinking

c. Faith & Resources

d. From Jonathan to Jesus

1. What are some things that you can praise God for this week? What are some ways that you could use prayer?

2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling?

3. Of the three ways Jonathan's faith sets an example for us (faith and action, faith and thinking, faith and resources), what resonates with you the most? What challenges you the most?

4. Read James 4:13-17. How does this passage connect with 1 Samuel 14? How does James help us apply Jonathan's example in a faithful way?

5. How should we balance wisdom and faith when considering our resources? What might Philippians 4:10-20 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 help us out here?

6. Read Acts 15:36-16:10. In this passage...
 - a. What kinds of actions and initiative do we see people taking?
 - b. How does God lead his people?
 - c. How does God's leading connect with His people's initiative?

7. Reflect on the series as a whole thus far.
 - a. How familiar were you with 1 Samuel prior to this series?
 - b. How has your understanding of these stories been deepened, strengthened, or challenged?
 - c. Reflect on the well-known portions of the story coming up. Already, how do the first 15 chapters of 1 Samuel prepare us to understand and appreciate David in a deeper way?
 - d. Consider your own walk with God over the upcoming summer months. Are there steps of faith, obedience, or normal faithfulness God would have you take? How might the Lord, through 1 Samuel, be directing you in this?
 - e. Pray together as you reflect on what you've learned and anticipate what's ahead.