

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

Foolishness or Faith 1 Samuel 13 & 14

Main Thought: From the foolishness of Saul and the faith of Jonathan in 1 Samuel 13 & 14, we can garner some valuable lessons.

1. SUMMARIZING THE _____... (1 Sam. 13 & 14)

- 1) _____ in the hearts of the Israelites and their King (13:1-7)
- 2) Saul's folly and Samuel's _____ (13:8-15)
- 3) Israel in economic _____ to Philistines and without weapons (13:16-22)
- 4) Jonathan's _____ (13:23-14:14)
- 5) Saul _____ the Philistines (14:15-46)
 - (1) The _____ panic
 - (2) Saul's foolish _____
 - (3) Saul prepared to _____ his son
- 6) A summary of Saul's _____ and family (14:47-52)

2. LEARNING FROM THE _____ AND FOOLISHNESS OF SAUL AND THE FAITH AND WISDOM OF JONATHAN.

- 1) Our faith and _____ will be tested at times.
- 2) God works through less than perfect _____.
- 3) _____ is sometimes evident by our waiting rather than our working.
- 4) At other times, our faith should be evidenced by our _____.
- 5) God loves to show His _____ through our weaknesses.
- 6) Saul's _____ should point us to the King who was everything Saul failed to be, namely Jesus.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 13 & 14 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Why was there a Philistine outpost at Geba in Israelite territory?

8. Who attacked it and what happened as a result?

9. Describe the Philistine army and how the Israelite army was affected by them.

10. What sin did Saul commit? What was he supposed to do? (See 1 Sam. 10:8; Numbers 18:7)

11. How did Saul try to justify his act? (13:11-12)

12. What was the result of Saul's disobedience? (13:13-14)

13. What additional hindrance did the Israelites have in fighting the Philistines? (13:16-22)

14. How did Jonathan's actions differ from his father when it came to fighting the Philistines? (14:1-14)

15. What was the result? (14:15-23)

16. What foolish oath did Saul have the Israelite army make? Why? (14:24)

17. Who violated the oath? How did Saul find out? What was Saul willing to do? How was he stopped? (14:25-46)