

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.

WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS

1 Samuel 25

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 25, we can learn from an example of foolishness and an example of wisdom and their resulting outcomes.

1. THE _____ OF NABAL (vv 2-11)
 - 1) Surly and _____ (vv 2-3)
 - 2) _____ and selfish (vv 4-13)
 - (1) David's _____ (vv 4-9)
 - (2) Nabal's _____ (vv 10-11)
 - (3) David's _____ (vv 12-13)
2. THE _____ OF ABIGAIL (vv 14-31)
 - 1) Humble and _____ (vv 14-25)
 - 2) _____ – encouraging David to do right (vv 26-28)
 - 3) Reminds David of God's _____ (vv 29-31)
4. THE _____ (vv 32-44)
 - 1) David _____ from wrongdoing (vv 32-35)
 - 2) Nabal _____ down by the Lord (vv 36-39a)
 - 3) Abigail _____ the future king (vv 39b-44)
5. APPLICATION: Our _____ affect our outcomes.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 25 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. What significant event are we told about in verse 1? How might this affect David, Saul, and the nation?

8. What do you learn about Nabal and Abigail in verses 2-3?

9. What did David ask of Nabal and how did he reply in verses 4-11?

10. How was David planning to respond to Nabal? (vv 12-13)

11. Who stopped David from killing Nabal? How did she do it? (vv 14-35)

12. What happens to Nabal in the next scene? (vv 36-38)

13. How does David respond to Nabal's death and what action does he take? (vv 39-40)

14. What is Abigail's response? (vv 41-42)

15. How many wives does David have at this point? What happened to his wife Michal? (vv 43-44)

16. What are we to make of David's polygamy and polygamy in general in the Bible? Is it something God approves of?