

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.

THE TANGLED WEBS WE WEAVE

1 Samuel 28 & 29

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 28 & 29, we see a contrast in the outcomes of the tangled webs we weave between someone who doesn't trust in God and someone who does.

1. _____ - SAUL CONSULTS A WITCH (28:3-25)

1) A desperate _____ (28:3-6)

2) A desperate _____ (28:7-14)

3) Samuel _____ to Saul (28:15-20)

4) Saul is _____ (28:21-25)

5) The consequences of persistent _____ and disobedience to the Lord will catch up to people. (Ephesians 2:12-13)

2. _____ AND A WAY OUT - DAVID BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (29:1-11)

1) The Philistines, with David and his troops among them, prepare to _____ the Israelites. (29:1-2)

2) The Philistine commanders _____ to David. (29:3)

3) The Philistine king _____ David. (29:3-7)

4) David _____ to being sent home. (29:8-11)

5) God works all things together for good for those who _____ Him and provides a way of escape. (Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 28 & 29 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 did Saul expel the mediums and spiritists from Israel? (See Lev. 19:31; 20:6; Deut. 18:10-13)

8. What makes Saul afraid? What did he try to do? Why don't you think the Lord answered Saul?

9. How does God communicate his will at this time in Israel's history (v 6)? Instead, how does Saul seek to know God's will?

10. Why was the witch of Endor afraid to consult a spirit for Saul?

11. Who does Saul want her to bring up? Why?

12. What does Samuel say to Saul? How did Saul respond?

13. Why do you think God allowed Samuel's spirit to speak to Saul? Or was it his spirit?

14. What pickle did David get himself into with Achish the Philistine King? (28:1-2; 29:1-2)

15. How did God provide a way out for David? (28:3-11)