

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.

CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES – A TALE OF TWO KINGS 1 Samuel 30 & 31

Main Thought: In 1 Samuel 30 & 31, we see the results of choices made to either trust in the Lord and humbly obey His word or to rebel against the Lord and reject His word.

1. A CHOICE TO _____ IN THE LORD AND HUMBLY OBEY HIS WORD – DAVID

1) David's _____ (vv 1-6a)

- (1) From the _____
- (2) From His _____

2) David's _____ (vv 6b-10)

- (1) He turns to the _____ (v 6b)
- (2) He seeks God's will in _____ (vv 7-8)
- (3) He acts on God's Word in _____ (vv 9-10)
- (4) He _____ compassion and hospitality to a stranger (vv 11-15)
- (5) He _____ (vv 16-20)
- (6) He shows _____ to others (vv 21-25)
- (7) He is _____ to others (vv 26-31)

2. A CHOICE TO _____ AGAINST THE LORD AND REJECT HIS WORD – SAUL (1 Samuel 31)

1) The _____ of Saul and his sons (vv 1-6)

2) The _____ of Saul (vv 7-10)

- (1) Fails to _____ his people
- (2) _____ of the bodies
- (3) _____ of the one true God

3) The _____ example of the people of Jabesh Gilead (vv 11-13)

3. WHICH _____ ARE YOU MAKING?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Samuel 30 & 31 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. When David and his men returned to Ziklag, what did they discover?

8. How did David's men feel toward him?

9. Where did David turn for help and strength? What questions did David ask of the Lord? What were the answers?

10. Why did some of David's men bail on him on the way to battle the Amalekites?

11. Who did David and his men find on their way? What condition was he in? What did they do for him? Why?

12. What information did they learn from the Egyptian servant? How did he help David and his men?

13. How did the battle with the Amalekites go?

14. How did David treat the 200 men who were too tired to partake in the battle? How did David treat the elders of Judah? Compare these actions with those of King Saul?

15. How did Saul's life end? How was his body treated by the Philistines?

16. Why did the people of Jabesh- Gilead treat Saul's body with respect?