



Icebreaker: Share a time when an unexpected opportunity occurred leaving you uncertain about what to do.

Sermon Title – Imperfect: Life of David – No Shortcuts – I Samuel 24:1-22

Group Discussion

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 & Psalm 119:105 – Do not shortcut God’s **leading** on the way to your destiny. How can we develop patience and discernment to ensure we are following the Lord’s will rather than taking “spiritual shortcuts” that might seem easier or quicker? Can you think of an example when waiting for God’s timing led to a better outcome than if you, or someone you know, had acted according to your/their own will and timing?

Read Hebrews 10:22 & 1 Timothy 1:5 – Do not shortcut your own **conscience**. How can we remain true to our conscience/integrity when pursuing success in our lives, especially in situations where “bending the rules” or abandoning our values might seem beneficial? Can you think of a time when you, or someone you know, faced such a dilemma? What was the result of staying true, or the result disregarding conscience?

Read Psalms 57:3-7 – Do not shortcut God’s **justice**. What are practical steps we can take to trust in God’s justice when we are wronged or see injustice in our world? For instance, can we be assertive and involved in the justice process without taking matters into our own hands? Can you think of an example when you, or someone you know, had to wait, or are waiting, for God’s justice instead of seeking immediate retaliation?

Read Psalms 57:1-2 & Psalm 23:4 – Do not shortcut the **wilderness** on the way to God’s promises. How can enduring through “wilderness” periods in our lives strengthen our faith and relationship with Jesus? Please share an experience where a difficult season ultimately led to spiritual growth in your life. How can we encourage others to lean heavily on the Lord?

Spiritual Discipline:

Take time this week to review our additional sermon resources through *RightNow Media* or on our app at: **Church Center / Home / Sermon Resources**. These resources coincide with the weekly sermons.

Action Steps:

Read Psalm 18:2, Psalm 23, & Psalm 27:13-14 – Things to consider this week: David had opportunities to take things into his own hands (i.e., take spiritual shortcuts). Where in your own life do you need the Lord to lead while you practice patience while maintaining a good conscience trusting His will on your wilderness journey with Jesus? Journal your thoughts on practical ways you can “wait for the Lord.”