



Icebreaker: What is your favorite Psalm or verses of a Psalm? Why? Is it one of David's Psalms?

Sermon Title – Imperfect: Life of David – No Easy Answers – I Samuel 22

Group Discussion

Read I Samuel 22:9-19 – **Wrestle with the reality of evil and any part you have in it;** hold yourself and others accountable. Reflecting on this passage and Jeff's sermon, where many people are involved in the evil acts, can we see the potential evil deeds playing out in our own lives? How can recognizing our own role in the presence of evil lead to personal growth and Jesus-centered transformation?

Read James 1:19-22 – **Carefully Rid yourself of participation in or partnership with evil.** Saul's officials refused to kill the priests, but Doeg carried out the evil. With this contrast, what steps can we take to actively rid ourselves of any involvement with evil (e.g., our actions, behaviors, words, attitudes)? For instance, are there victimless crimes? How can we encourage others to avoid evil in pursuit of righteousness and justice?

Entrust and align your life with God and His goodness. Jeff highlighted the importance of aligning our lives with God's goodness. How can trusting in God's justice and goodness help us cope with the presence of evil in the world? What are practical ways we can ensure our lives are aligned with God's will? How can we be assertive in the face of such violence and injustice in this world, yet maintain a sense of peace and purpose?

Read Matthew 5:14-16 – **Shining as lights in the darkness.** Considering this sermon and the widespread presence of evil in our communities, what are some practical ways we can shine as Jesus' lights? How can our daily attitudes and behaviors reflect Jesus' teachings and counteract the evil we encounter?

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. And for a deeper, scholarly study of this bible story, Jeff recommends this article:

[Doeg: Evil in the Hands of a Good God](https://glanier.wordpress.com/2013/10/02/doeg-evil-in-the-hands-of-a-good-god/)

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Action Steps:

Read Psalm 52 – Considering what Jeff shared about the question posed to G. K. Chesterton: "What's wrong with the world?" and his response "I am!" make a concrete plan for how you can learn to think biblically as a lifelong disciple of Jesus, and take practical steps to live and exist as David described in Psalm 52:8-9; and take practical steps to avoid what David described in Psalm 52:1-7. And consider the depths when the evil that may be present in our lives is not always so blatant or obvious.