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No Cutting Corners October 7, 2018

Portraits of a King - 1 Samuel 24 Community Group Discussion Questions

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

* **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won’t have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
* **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
* **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
* **Check out this Facilitation Guide (**[**http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide**](http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide)**) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Share your name and answer the following question:** 
   * **When was a time you rushed a decision that you later regretted?**

**OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **As you reflect on Sunday’s sermon what Bible verse, question, statement, story, or idea most challenged or encouraged you?**

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)**

1. **Read 1 Samuel 24:1-22.** 
   * **What thoughts or questions does this passage raise for you?**
2. **Read the 5 character traits from David’s life that Drew shared in this passage:**

* **Discernment: Knowing which voice to listen to. (vs. 1-5)**
* **Integrity: It is never the right time to do the wrong thing. (vs. 6-7)**
* **Submission: You’ll never learn to lead until you first learn to follow. (vs. 6, 1 Samuel 10:17)**
* **Faith: Trusting God without knowing the outcome. (vs. 8-15)**
* **Wisdom: Good judgment in difficult situations. (vs. 16-22)**

**Which one stood out to you most?**

**APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)**

1. **Where in your life are you most tempted to cut corners? Why might that be?**
2. **Which of the above 5 character traits from David’s life do you most need to work on? How can you start working on that?**

**GROWTH GOALS:**

* **What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year? Here are some ideas:**
  + Read a chapter of the Bible every day.
  + Commit to attend Community Group every week.
  + Begin a volunteer role at Northridge.
  + Increase my volunteer level at Northridge.
  + Memorize (\_\_number of) verses from the Bible.
  + Attend the Starting Point group on Sunday’s at Northridge.
  + Get baptized.
  + Become a Northridge Church member.
  + Invite “insert name” to church.
  + Increase the percentage of my income I give to church.
  + Read a good Christian book.
  + Connect with a friend weekly/daily to keep you accountable with good/bad habits.