

2. God _____ Us in the Wilderness.

- The wilderness is a place where David is _____ of his props and _____.
- The wilderness is a place where David is _____.
- The wilderness is a place where David learns to _____ on the long promises of God.
- The wilderness is a place where David learns to _____ to God.
- The wilderness is a place where David learns to _____ and _____ a band of broken men.
- The wilderness is a place where David is prepared for his _____ of _____.

3. God _____ Us in the Wilderness

- When David realizes that God is all he _____, he realizes that God is all he _____.
- God _____ for David.
- God _____ David.
- David's _____ of God becomes intensely _____. God becomes _____ to David.

As we look across the Bible, we notice that many of God's servants spend considerable time in the wilderness: Moses, the nation of Israel, David and our Lord Jesus. As we look at David's season in the wilderness, it's an opportunity to consider together the wilderness experiences of our own lives . . .

1. God _____ Us to the Wilderness

- There are _____ wilderness episodes recorded for us in the story of David in 1 Samuel.
- Though the wilderness is not a place David _____ to go, it was a place where God _____ him.
- The wilderness is a place of _____ and _____, but it's also a place of _____.
- God loves us right where we _____, but He never _____ us there. He sends His servants to the wilderness to _____, _____ and _____ us.
- While God _____ us to the wilderness, He never _____ us there.
- God sends us to the wilderness not because He _____ love us, but because He _____.

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Connecting and Caring for One Another

As you come together this week, reflect on and share a “wilderness experience” in your life . . . a season of disorientation and desperation, but also a season of shaping.

Digging into God’s Word & the Message Together

1. How did you COME UNDER God’s Word in the text and message this week? In other words, how did God speak to you, convict you or encourage you through our consideration of David in the wilderness.
2. Read 1 Samuel 21 and 22 together again to get a feel for David’s early wilderness experiences. What has David lost in his flight to the wilderness? What different situations does he face?
3. While we’d all rather avoid the wilderness, does it trouble you at all that the Lord sends us to the wilderness? How might accepting this reality help us?

4. Brainstorm the array of wilderness experiences that you and others have or might have across the span of your lives.
5. Read Psalm 142. Knowing this was one of David’s many songs written during the wilderness season of his life, what do you hear in David’s experience of God?
6. In one sense, the entire incarnation, life and death of Jesus is a wilderness experience. What followed this wilderness season for Jesus? How does Jesus’ experience guarantee the outcome of our own wilderness experience across our earthly lives? In other words, how does Jesus’ wilderness experience of the cross guarantee our future of the crown?

Praying Together

- Pray for one another in your current wilderness experiences.
- Cry out to the Lord together, asking for grace and growth in your wilderness experiences.