

3. David acts on the _____ of the Lord

- God speaks through the Ephod, but doesn't give all the _____.
- David must make his _____, trust _____, and take _____.
- When David takes action, God _____ him by _____ the discarded Egyptian slave who leads him to the Amalekites.

4. David shares the _____ of the Lord

- David's men are living by a theology of _____: since only they _____ the battle, only they should _____ the spoils they earned.
- David is living by a theology of _____: since the Lord _____ the victory and the spoils as gifts of grace, the spoils must be freely _____ with all.
- When we realize that everything we have are gifts of grace that we don't _____ and don't _____, how can we not give _____ to God and freely _____ with others?
- Radical _____ flows from a growing understanding of _____.
- We are _____ to be a _____!

As if things weren't bad enough in the wilderness, David, in 1 Samuel 30, faces the burning of his hideout, the capture of his family and the rebellion of his troops. It's a life and leadership crisis! David shows us how to respond to the life and leadership crises we all face . . .

1. David _____ himself in the Lord

- He reflected the Lord's _____.
- He remembered the Lord's _____.
- He poured out his _____, _____ and _____ to the Lord.

2. David seeks the _____ of the Lord

- The ephod was a _____ worn by the high priest.
- The ephod was a means of seeking God's _____ during this era of redemptive history.
- David uses his available _____ to God.

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Connecting and Caring for One Another

Share highlights from the long Thanksgiving weekend and maybe one thing are you looking forward to and one thing you are dreading about the Christmas season.

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 look at "David and the Burning of Ziklag"?
2. Read 1 Samuel 30 again together as a group. David is close to becoming king, but he doesn't know it. Before his exaltation, David will experience one more brutal humiliation . . . a leadership and life test. Does David's wilderness testing comfort you or disturb you? Explain please!
3. Why exactly was David "greatly distressed"? How did he respond? What is your first, default response when you are "greatly distressed"? Can you describe an instance?

4. David is both a person of prayer and a person of action. How do those two things go together in this episode of David's life? Which way do you lean? More toward prayer or more toward action?
5. David acts on God's Word, but it's not until he acts that God provides the discarded Egyptian slave to lead him. Can you think of an instance when God met you, but only after you stepped out in faith first?
6. We see a sweet picture of Gospel grace in the way that David handles the battle spoil. What does David believe? What do David's men believe? What's the relationship between an understanding of grace and a practice of generosity? What do we mean that "we are blessed to be a blessing"? How does this story illustrate that principle?

Praying Together

As you pray with one another today . . .

- Strengthen yourselves in the Lord by reflecting on His character, remembering His promises and pouring your hearts out to Him.
- Seek the Lord's help in the crises your group is facing.
- Make a plan for action in your crisis.
- Give thanks for His blessings and decide how you will freely share them with others.