

3. The Lord's _____ in the lament of David

- Instead of _____, David _____.
- David laments for the _____ of the Lord's _____.
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- David reminds us of the important place of _____ in our lives.

After a decade in the wilderness of waiting, we finally come to death of Saul in our study of The Life of David. How will David respond to the report of the death of Saul? This important incident is narrated in an intriguing way to invite our contemplation and consideration of several important Biblical truths . . .

1. The Lord's _____ in the death of Saul

- Saul's death is the sad end of a life marked by _____, _____ and _____.
- Saul's death is the _____ in God's _____. (1 Sam. 28:15-19)
- Saul's death greatly _____ the Lord's people. (1 Sam. 31:9-10)

2. The Lord's _____ in the coming of an Amalekite

- The Amalekite tells a _____ about the death of Saul.
- The Amalekite is a self-seeking _____ looking for _____.
- The Amalekite is ironically executed for his _____, not his _____.
- David will not lift the _____ to his _____, but will keep _____ and _____ God's _____ and _____.

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Connecting and Caring for One Another

As we near the end of our quarter, share the highlights of your Growth Group experience together this fall.

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 Death of Saul?"
2. Read 1 Samuel 31 and 2 Samuel 1 together as a group. Why is the death of Saul reported twice in two different ways? Which account is to be believed . . . the narrator's or the Amalekite's? Why?
3. "The Lord's judgments are sometimes long, but they are always sure." Read 1 Samuel 28:15-19. How does the death of Saul illustrate this principle? What do you make of the sad story of the life and death of Saul? How does the sad story of his life challenge your life?

4. "Why is this here?" is an important question to ask as we study and seek to make sense of the Bible. So why is the story of the Amalekite's report of the death of Saul here? Why is it a test for David? What does it demonstrate about David?
5. David's life was full of testing and trials that were meant to shape his character. The Bible says the same is true for us, but do you think about your life as a series of tests and trials? Describe one way the Lord is testing and trying you right now? Where is the place in your life He is calling you to trust Him right now?
6. A big deal is made of David's lamenting the death of Saul. Why is David's lament surprising? Why does David lament? Do you think we make enough space in our lives for lamenting? When we lament, do we lament for the right things? What is the place of lament in your life?

Praying Together

As you pray with one another today . . .

- Pray up the tests and trials of your life and ask the Lord to teach you through them.
- Make space, if necessary, for the sharing of griefs and lament together.