



1 SAMUEL 18-19

SUNDAY 6th JUNE

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- How are envy and jealousy viewed in the world around us?
 - What are its effects?
 - Are there ways that you have seen the effects of envy?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4
 - What do we learn about David and Jonathan's relationship?
 - Some people have said that this is a homosexual relationship. Why is that unlikely? What does it say about our culture that some think that?
 - Look up Genesis 44:30 and surrounding verses, how does this help us understand the phrase 'one in Spirit'?
 - Why does Jonathan symbolically hand over his right to be king to David?
 - How is this a good model for friendship? How would this impact our friendships?
 - How is this a good model for our relationship with Jesus?

- Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9
 - What is the people's response to David?
 - What is Saul's response to David?
 - What might it mean for us to keep a close eye on someone that we are envious of? What are the results of that?
 - Why is comparison such a problem for us? What does it show we want?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:10-19:3
 - Describe the progression of envy. Does this describe your experience of envy?
 - What happens to David in these verses?
 - V10 describes an evil spirit from God coming forcefully on Saul. Is it God's fault that Saul throws the spear at David?
- How does knowing the gospel help us if we are struggling with envy?
 - How does this passage help us see how ugly it is?
 - How might this passage point us to the good news of Jesus?
 - How might this passage help us with the ongoing fight against envy?