



1 SAMUEL 21-22

SUNDAY 20th JUNE

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- Recap with one another what has happened so far in 1 Samuel.
- Read chapter 21:1-9
 - What strikes you from this passage?
 - What is Ahimelek's reaction to David arriving? Why do you think he has this reaction?
 - Read v2-6. Summarise what is being said by each person
 - Why do you think David is lying?
 - This passage doesn't directly address whether it was right or wrong for David to lie to Ahimelek. What do you think?
 - Is it ever right to lie? Why do you think that? What does the rest of the bible have to say on this? (See Exodus 1:17-21; Joshua 2:4-5 and Hebrews 11:31; Exodus 20:16; Col 3:9)
 - How might this inform both extreme situations such as people hiding Jews in the second world war, and normal everyday situations for us?

- Should David have had the consecrated bread?
 - See Leviticus 24:5-9. Who was to eat the bread?
 - The consecrated bread was to represent manna in the context of the people's exodus. How are there echoes of this in David's experience? What does this teach us about God's provision? How does God provide for us in our times of need?
 - Read Luke 6:1-5. What does Jesus' interpretation of this teach us?
 - Ahimelek might not have given the bread to most people. Why might he have given it to David (see 1 Sam 10:3-4)?
- Read the rest of chapter 21 and 22.
 - How did the Spirit speak to you through this passage?
 - Where do we see this passage pointing forward to Jesus?
 - Where were you encouraged or challenged?

PRAYER

UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH

- Pray that the Spirit would bring about the Fruit of the Spirit in us this year
- Pray for baptisms and new members to join us
- Pray we gain more people that can serve in music and kids work
- Pray for progress and joy as we meet in person. Pray for wisdom and safety as we meet in person again.
- Joyce had a fall this week. Pray for her while she is in Barnet hospital and being assessed.
- Praise God for the safe arrival of baby Jeremiah Forty. Pray for the family as they adjust to life as a family of 6.
- Phillip and Irini Critoph's baby is due in the next few weeks. Pray for the safe arrival of their 3rd baby.
- Pray for Mike and Jo. Pray for Myanmar. Thank God that they were able to return home
 - Pray thanks that Mike and Jo have been able to return to their flat in England
 - Pray as they continue to have contact with people in Myanmar online

- Tots group - Pray for wisdom and for the parents and children we hope to serve.
- Praise God for the safe arrival of Sylvia's grandson, Carter. Pray for Sylvia's daughter and her partner as they begin the journey of parenting.
- Pray for the preparation for Connect. A week long camp run by the together for mission churches for children age 8 and up.
- Pray for the care homes that we have contact with.
- Pray for the Owens. They are looking to buy a house in Eynsham, pray for wisdom and God's leading. Wyn has finished the Awepa dialect report. This group's current bible translation is very difficult for people to understand. Pray as Wyn now begins a project on the Kom and teaches a few classes in the coming months.
- Pray for Caroline. Thank God for his closeness to Caroline in difficult times. Pray for peace as her future is very much up in the air right now.
- Pray for David Weston. David has had a difficult few months. He asks that we pray for 'perseverance, and for countering the lies which tell me it's hopeless to try as I won't be able to do it and there's little point anyway.' and that 'I would grow again in my desire to serve, and seek His glory among the nations.' Also pray for the Uyghur people.
- Pray for Peter and Alison Kennelly. Pray for letters that they have sent to houses in France, UK and across the globe that contained the gospel. Pray for their project to hand deliver a gospel tract through the letterbox of every home in Enfield. Pray for them as they plan for open air preaching as lockdown eases.