



1 SAMUEL 25

SUNDAY 4th JULY

On Sunday we looked at 1 Samuel 24. Chapters 24-26 have very similar themes running through them. This week we are going to look at chapter 25 in our homegroups.

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

Read: 25:1-44 to get a feel for the whole story

Re-read: 25:1-3

- **Characters:** Which different characters are we introduced to? What are they like?
Note: Nabal means 'fool'
- **Context:** What has David's life been like since he was anointed king? How has David responded to his circumstances so far?
Tip: Thinking about Sunday's sermon will really help!

Re-read: 25:4-22

- What happens?
- How do we feel about Abigail, Nabal and David by verse 22?
 - What impression do we get of Nabal? (i) From what he says? (ii) From what his servants say and do? (iii) From how Abigail responds?
Note: 'Wicked man' is the same phrase that was used to describe Eli's sons (and the men of Gibeah in perhaps the most horrendous Old Testament narrative – Judges 19)
 - Why is David's reaction so surprising?
Tip: Think about how David has reacted to injustice so far?
- What big question(s) do we have at this point in the story?

Re-read: 25:23-35

- What happens?
- How does Abigail bring about this change?
 - How would you describe her attitude? (i) To David? (ii) To Nabal? (iii) To God?
 - What are her main arguments?
- What is the big lesson that David learns?
Tip: Look out for repetition. Compare vv26,31 and 33

Re-read: 25:36-44

- What happens and what does this show us about God?
- What does David conclude?

Summarise and apply

- **Summarise:** What is the big truth that this passage teaches us?
Tip: Think about the conclusions that David draws (vv32-34,39)
- **David as a model of Christ:** What does this passage teach us about God's king? How should he think and act? How does Jesus more than fulfil this?
Tip: If you're familiar with 1 Peter 2:19-25, you might find it helpful. But don't worry about turning there
- **David as a model for us:** What will it look like for us to leave vengeance to God?
 - When is this hard? Why do we want to take vengeance into our own hands?
Note: Try and be as practical as possible (rather than simply theoretical)
Tip: If you're familiar with Romans 12:17-13:7, you might find it helpful. But again, don't worry about turning there

- [If time] **Abigail as a model for us:** Abigail, like Jonathan, is a model for us. What does she do? What would it look like for us to be more like Abigail?