



Life Group Discussion Guide

June 29: 1 Samuel 18-20 --- Covenant Friendship

Icebreakers:

- What qualities have marked your “best friend” relationships over the years?
- Growing up, what types of things did you exchange with a friend as a sign of your friendship (words or tangible items)?

Discussion Questions:

1. “Covenant friendship not only blesses the present; it builds your future.” How does this create a vision for an extraordinary friendship?
2. In this week’s sermon, Dave introduced Dunbar’s Structure of Relationships (also known as “Dunbar’s Number”) and noted that covenant friendships typically fall within our “core group” of up to five people. Why do you think we may be limited in the number of people with whom we can have these strong connections?
3. **Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4.**
 - a. What stands out to you in this text?
 - b. What did Jonathan’s gift of his robe, tunic, and armor/weapons signify?
 - c. How did this demonstrate extravagant love and sacrifice for David and for God?
4. Why was Saul jealous or afraid of David? How had David wronged him? (Spoiler: he hadn’t.) How did jealousy affect Saul’s life and leadership? What can we learn from this example?
5. **Read 1 Samuel 19:1-7.**
 - a. Why did Jonathan warn David of Saul’s plan to kill him and then attempt to persuade Saul differently? Was this risky?
 - b. Why did Saul vow not to harm David (v. 6), and why did he later break that vow?
 - c. How does this passage challenge you?

6. **Read 1 Samuel 20:12-13.**
 - a. What promise did Jonathan make to David before God?
 - b. Why is that significant?
7. Saul wanted to kill David, but in his anger, he also attempted to kill Jonathan (20:33). Why did Jonathan risk his life to save David's? Would you have had the courage to do the same? How could you grow in sacrificial loyalty like that?
8. **Read 1 Samuel 20:41-42.** Jonathan and David make a final vow before the Lord. How would this impact their families for generations? (See also **2 Samuel 9:1-13** for how David kept this promise with Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth.)
9. Have you enjoyed a friendship like David and Jonathan's? How have you shown (or received) deep loyalty, sacrifice, protection, or challenge in friendship? How have you seen this modeled by others?
10. In **John 13:34-35** Jesus says the world will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. It should come as no surprise that some of our closest friendships ought to be found within our church family.
 - a. How might you be called to regularly serve your friends—especially those who are your brothers and sisters in Christ--in deeper love and sacrifice?
 - b. How might you be called to do so this very week?
11. Close your group time in prayer for one another.
 - a. Ask God to help deepen your relationships with one another.
 - b. Ask Him to help strengthen your desire and your action to serve others with a love that sacrifices for others, protects others, and challenges us to follow God more closely and grow in greater likeness to Him.
 - c. Thank Him that He will certainly help you to grow in this in the days to come.

Local Serving Opportunities:

How can your Life Group Hear, See and DO the Word? Here are a few opportunities:

Joy Meadows - For more info, contact Athena at avangilder@lcc.org

- **Joy Run 2025 – August 2 at 8am:** Open to all, Joy Run is an annual mud run that brings the community together to raise awareness and funds for foster children and families. Join Team Legacy!
- [Join Team Legacy Here!](#)

International Students, Inc. – For more info, contact Angie at sheltonfour633@gmail.com

- **Home Goods Giveaway** to bless international students and scholars relocating to the KC area. Donate new or gently used small appliances, kitchenware, linens, and furniture, or volunteer on giveaway days:
 - **KU Med Giveaway:** August 16. 1:00 -4:30pm.
 - **Avila University Giveaway:** August 23. 1:00 – 4:30pm.
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