

Life Group Discussion Guide

July 20, 2025 – 1 Samuel 24 & 26 --- Dealing with Difficult People

Icebreaker:

Identify a "difficult" person from a movie or TV show. Share who it is, a little about the show's context and what you think made/makes the character difficult.

Discussion Questions:

Living with Dragons:

- 1. What makes living with dragons (difficult people) a challenge?
- 2. From the sermon, how do Revenge, Companions, and the Repentance Gap (difference between intentional and actual character) play into responding well to dragons?
- 3. Read 1 Samuel 18:7-11, 18:28-29, 24:1-2.
 - a) As a group, explore how you might have felt and how you might have reacted to Saul's "dragon-ness."
- 4. Read **1 Samuel 24:5-7**.
 - a) What was David's view of his difficult person (Saul)?
- 5. Discuss what you think is God's view of difficult people. Share some verses you know that expose God's view.
- 6. Read Luke 6:27 and Romans 12:14-20.
 - a) Identify (but keep to yourself) 1 or 2 people in your life with whom you struggle the most from their dragon-like behaviors.
 - b) Thinking about the verses just read, what personal actions can you take this week/month/year to act in a God-directed way?

Avoiding becoming a dragon:

- 7. Recognize "dragon fertilizer" that can accelerate dragon growth:
 - a) Someone gets credit for credit I "deserve!" (1 Samuel 18:8-9)
 - b) I will NOT let someone else take what I have/what I deserve!!! (1 Samuel 18:8)
 - c) I am afraid of an outcome that "isn't best" for me. (1 Samuel 18:12)
 - d) I want what someone else "has." (1 Samuel 18:28-29)
 - e) What other ideas do you have about what might create dragon growth?
 - f) Have you ever kept a controlling eye or "jealous eye" (1 Samuel 18:9) on someone? What does that do to you?
- 8. How do we stunt "dragon growth" in ourselves? (To ignore or reject God's repair in your life will always lead to some form of cynicism that rejects the goodness, or the good intent of others.)
 - a) Read **Romans 5:8**. What was our position when Christ died for us? How can we extrapolate to others' relationship with us?
 - b) Read 1 John 4:7-12. How does loving others make "God's love complete in us?"
 - c) In what specific area(s) of your life do you need to embrace God's repair of your life? Privately list 1 to 3 areas. See **Galatians 5:13-26** for some hints, if needed.
 - d) Discuss as a group how you can embrace God's repair (without it being necessary to share individual's specific areas of need.) As individuals, plan to take one or two of the ideas and put them into practice this week.

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at *lcc.org/whats-happening*

All Campus

- Advance the Kingdom: We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go "All In" on Project Advance. Learn more here: <u>https://lcc.org/advance/</u>
- Joy Run for Joy Meadows: August 2. 8:00am at KC Timber Challenge. Join Team Legacy Here!

Overland Park Campus

• Rosehill Elementary School Supply Drive: Through August 3.

Lee's Summit Campus

- Coldwater Service Day: July 26. 9:30am 2:30pm.
- Back to School Bash: August 15. 5:00 9:00pm.

Olathe Campus

• Men's Bible Study: Saturdays. 7:00 – 8:30am.

Blue Valley Campus

• Summer Cookout: August 24. 12:30pm.

Hispanic Ministry Campus

• Family Movie Night: July 31.