



THE BOOK OF samuel



Week 23: David on the Run

Read 1 Samuel 21:1-2

1. Here, we witness David doing something we've never seen Him do before. What is it?

Answer:

2. Ahimelek the priest is surprised that David is alone. Why is the priest so curious?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 21:3-6

3. The bread of the presence was only for the priests of God to eat. Why would the priest allow David and his men to eat it? It seems like they are both defying the Lord's command. But take a look at how Jesus interprets this incident. Why do you think David asked for this and the priest allowed it?

Mark 2:23–28

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 21:7-9

4. The priest continues to grant David his requests, even though his lies are getting sloppy. What motivations could the Ahimelek have to do so?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15

5. David continually makes use of dishonesty to stay alive. Though we would expect most people to do the same in these situations, David is not most people. How has David been presented up to this point in the story? What does His conduct indicate about his future?

Answer:

Saul Persecutes, David Flees — Gibeah to Gath

Orange line: David and Saul's route from Gibeah to Ramah

Green line: David's route from Ramah to Nob

Red line: David's route from Nob to Gath

Blue flag icon: Event(s) with location

White flag icon: Event(s) with uncertain location

Black dot icon: City

Grey dot icon: City — less relevant

White circle icon: City — location uncertain

Black triangle icon: Mountain

White triangle icon: Mountain — location uncertain

Black double-line icon: Mountain pass

Black line icon: Road

