

SAFE WITH GOD

1 Samuel 22:6-23

Key verse 22b-23

Discussion questions:

- How does Saul's behavior reveal his godless thinking?
- How does a shepherd heart give us a sense of responsibility to care for those in need?

Inductive study questions:

1. What was on Saul's mind while he sat under a tamarisk tree? (6-7) What did he say to his officials? (8) What did he accuse his son of? Why would he think everyone is against him? How do fears and fleshy thinking drive us to selfish ideas? (9) What does Saul find out from Doeg? (9-10)
2. What did Saul accuse Ahimelek of? (11-13) How did Ahimelek rebuke Saul? (14-15) Of what was he innocent? Why did Saul decide to kill the priests and destroy their town? (16-17b) Why wouldn't the officials obey their king? Why did Doeg obey Saul's command? (What do we previously know about Doeg? (cf. 1 Sa 21:7))
3. Who escaped to David? (20) How did David feel responsible for him? (21-22; cf. Psalm 52) What did David feel compelled to do? (23) What does this show about his faith in God?