

I SAMUEL 22-24

1. Go back and glance at 21:1-9. David was on the run and came to Ahimelech the priest at Nob. What two things did Ahimelech give David? Who overheard their conversation?

2. In 22:1, David fled to the cave of Adullam. Where had he been immediately before that?

Where did he go to after leaving the cave of Adullam? For what purpose did he go there?

After leaving Moab, David returned to Judah. What prompted him to do that?

3. In 22:1-17, what different people does Saul accuse of **conspiring** against him and supporting David?
4. What abhorrent order did Saul give to **Doeg**? How did Doeg even go beyond the order?
5. In I Samuel 2:31-33, a prophet came to **Eli** the priest and spoke to him. How does this passage inform your understanding of the awful massacre in chapter 22?
6. **Abiathar** the priest escaped from the hand of Doeg the Edomite and fled to David. What do you see in David in verse 22? What do you see in David in verse 23?
7. David often **inquired of the Lord**. Write down each thing he asked the Lord in 23:1-14.

8. Jonathan came to David and '**strengthened** his hand in God' (v. 16). Specifically, how did he strengthen and encourage David?

9. Who told Saul that David was hiding in Horesh? While Saul was thankful for receiving this intel, what more did he ask of them?

When Saul was closing in on David, what made Saul have to abandon the pursuit?

10. After narrowly escaping Saul, David and his 600 men flee to a cave in Engedi. When Saul entered the **cave**, David's men encouraged him to kill Saul. What was their reasoning as to why he should kill Saul?

What was David's reasoning as to why he should not kill him?

11. What things can you learn from David in chapter 24 about how to respond to our **enemies**, to those who want to hurt us?

12. Because David had spared Saul, what did Saul ask of God for David?

Because he knew that David was going to be king, what did Saul ask of David?

13. One of the themes running through chapters 23 and 24 is the theme of '**hands**.' The hand represents power. How many times do you see the word 'hand' used in these two chapters? What are some different 'hands' that are mentioned?