



STUDY GUIDE

GOD IS FOR ME: Week 5 10.13.13

[set up]

What was an act of revenge that you witnessed in life that did not involve you?

Read carefully 1 Samuel Chapters 24 and 26.

What was the most surprising part of these Biblical accounts of David and Saul?

[digging deeper]

God is SOVEREIGN. He reigns over the large things (like the universe) and the small (like our lives). Discuss the ways that you can recall that God, Jesus is called King. (list 7 here)

Discuss your level of trust in God's sovereignty, that is that He will work all things together for good. Be honest.

Now discuss the following terms and their relationship to God's dominion: "coincidence, accident, by chance, luck, fate."

David displayed greatness. Discuss what "spiritual or biblical greatness" is in a person's life. Who to you is the most Christ-like person you know?

Saul was deeply corrupted by his jealousy of David. Discuss the darkness of jealousy and its fruit. Then pray for a heart cleansed of every form of it. Dare to confess to one another the presence of this common issue. Consider and discuss this serious warning, "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled." Hebrews 12:15

Read aloud Colossians 3:12-17. Pray that each one will contribute to the beautiful community of love that our God desires His bride (the church) to be.

Read aloud John 15:12-17. Discuss the relationship of obedience and love as Jesus declares.

Commit to pray this week for God's heart for the church to be all that He desires.