



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *How to Treat Your Enemy*

Text: 1 Samuel 24

Service Date: February 8, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- The Super Bowl: are you there for the football, the commercials, the halftime show, or the food?
 - Think about your quiet time with God recently. Has there been a consistent theme through Scripture, your thoughts, or other people?
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Sermon Discussion

- Like Amanda Ramirez and her microwave Velveeta shells, have you ever felt like something is an injustice that may seem a little silly later?
- In 1 Samuel 24:4, David's men frame the moment when he could kill Saul as God's opportunity. How do we sometimes confuse opportunity with permission?
- David restrains himself even when revenge feels justified. What does revenge promise us but never actually deliver?
- Many hero stories in books and movies promote justice through revenge. What are some things that the Bible says about revenge?
- Read Romans 12:7-9 together. Why is it so difficult to live this out? What does it look like to live at peace with everyone?
- David could have stayed quiet and avoided ever talking to Saul. Why do you think he chose revealing himself over safety?
- Why does reconciliation often require more courage than walking away?
- When have you experienced the cost of doing what is right while others questioned your judgement?
- How does age and/or experience change the fear of being misunderstood?

- What does respectful confrontation look like in relationships, the workplace, and the church?
 - David speaks the truth about Saul's wrongdoings while still honoring his position. Why is respect hardest to maintain when power has been abused?
 - Saul seems to be repentant, but David does not go with him. What does this teach us about the limits of reconciliation?
 - How do forgiveness, trust, and reconciliation differ? Why is it important to not confuse them?
 - Read Ephesians 4:32. How does this apply to David's in 1 Samuel 24 and to us today?
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This Week's Action Response

- Ask God to reveal a relationship to you that may need to be reconciled, or think about areas where you can better live at peace with others, then take the steps to initiate a change.
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Help Make a Difference

- Pray daily for someone you can invite to your Formation Group and look for ways that God draws you to them. You know how great your group is? Someone is missing out on being a part of a great community, but you can change that by inviting them to your next meeting!