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**Week 9: June 28 – July 4**

## **Share Life:**

**Review Guidelines:** Ask your group to share a guideline that is most difficult for them to keep (remember to always review the guidelines in DETAIL when you have a new person in your group).

**Vision:** The gospel we preach determines the disciples we make. This past Sunday, at the end of the message, Pastor Brandon shared the whole gospel. As a group, let's purpose to learn the gospel, preach the gospel to our own souls, and share the gospel with one another and others we know.

**Question:** When have you been jealous of someone else? What caused you to feel that way?

## **Share God's Word (story):**

### **Background:**

As a young boy, David was anointed by the prophet Samuel as the next king of Israel. At that time, Saul was king in Israel. Although David had been anointed to be the next king, it would be years before that promise would be fulfilled. In the meantime, Saul ruled as king in Israel.

Saul had a problem. He had grown more concerned with seeking the praises of people than honoring God. You may remember the story of David defeating the giant called Goliath. After David defeated Goliath, his popularity grew rapidly in Israel – so much so that it made Saul jealous... and very angry.

Eventually, jealousy and anger consumed Saul, and Saul began to seek to take David's life. One time, Saul threw a spear at David from across the room! He threw it so powerfully that it lodged itself in the wall next to David's head. From that moment on, David was on the run. Saul spent years using the army of Israel for his own personal vendetta. He hunted David like an animal and chased him all over the Promised Land.

Today's story takes place well into Saul's manhunt. Saul was still in the position of king, but David had been anointed to be the next king of Israel. God's blessing was on David and David had been able to gather mighty men to join him in his camp. These men were tremendous allies to David.

It is important to understand how David viewed Saul. Obviously, David believed Saul was out of line for seeking to take his life. However, David also understood that Saul had been appointed to be king over Israel by God. David may not have agreed with Saul, but he respected Saul's office as king. The Bible holds David up with esteem for this attitude. With that in mind, this is where our story begins...

**Tell & rebuild the story from 1 Samuel 24:1-22**

**Read the story from 1 Samuel 24:1-22**

1. What stands out to you the most to you in this story? Why?
2. Many people respond with violence when threatened. David took another approach. When do you think violence is acceptable to correct an injustice? Why do you believe that?

3. What does this story teach us about people?
  - a. What does this story teach you about yourself?
4. What does this story teach you about God?
5. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you and how do you need to respond?

### **Share in Prayer**

As Independence Day approaches, take a moment to pray with your group for the leaders in our nation. Remind them of this verse before you pray:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

***Recruit a storyteller for next week!!***

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## Week 9: The 7 Essentials

In sports, coaches develop the culture of their team. The greatest coaches of all time are the coaches who know how to develop a winning culture amongst their assistant coaches and players.

On every team, there are inevitably various levels of talent among players. Some players are destined for stardom, while other players can work extremely hard and never reach the same level of excellence in their sport. One of the questions every coach must answer for their team is, “Will we be star-focused or team-focused?” In other words, will their team have a mentality of, “Everyone get our best player the ball and back up” or, “We are only at our best when every person is doing their part to make the team successful?”

### **Essential #7: We will work together as a team.**

Have you been sitting on the sidelines? Consider if any of these thoughts have crossed your mind:

- I’m not good enough.
- I don’t think I fit in.
- I’m not important.
- I don’t really have anything to offer.
- I haven’t gotten involved because I don’t want to mess something up.
- If I stepped out to lead, I might lead someone the wrong way.
- It is better to leave ministry to the professionals.
- I can do my part by going to church and giving – let other people do the ministry.

Church is a team sport. If you are a Christian, you are on the team. Jesus didn’t give the option for people to be saved but to keep living their lives the way they want to live it. Every person who receives Jesus must make the decision to follow Jesus as their Lord. When we do that, Jesus gives us a job to do on His team. He doesn’t promote the stars, He says we are all stars because His Holy Spirit is in us to equip us to do every good work He calls us to do.

At our church and in our groups, we believe it is essential to create a team mindset. How’s that going in your group? You can’t lead others to do it unless you embrace it yourself.

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