

## Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a \* meet at the Westwood building):

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd

5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack

\*11:45, Sundays – David Britton

\*11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts

\* 1:00, Sundays – Bob Deason

7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell

1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason

5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican

5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton

6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor

\*6:00, Sundays – Jeff McKinley

6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

### *You and Your Goliath, #3 God Will Provide...*

Introduction:

- Last week we studied David's situation as a young man and how God gave him an **opportunity**. We also saw where God gave David a **friend** in Jonathan, to help David in a very difficult time in his life.
- And today we will see that at the height of Saul's pursuit of David...God also gave David a...

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- As we continue to follow the story of David, we come to 1 Samuel 21, and David is literally running for his life.
- And 1 Samuel 21:1 tells us that David ran to "church" (also 1 Samuel 22:19).
- Now David's arrival scares Ahimelech, the priest (1 Samuel 21:1).
- David, upon arriving at Nob, proceeds to lie to the priest – so what has happened to David? Up until this point he has seemingly always done the right thing, even when others did not.
- He had lost his \_\_\_\_\_-focus! When he faced Goliath he only saw his Giant God. Now when he sees Saul – he only sees a \_\_\_\_\_. And that loss of God-focus brings about all kinds of problems for David.
- Ahimelech chose to believe David and helped him with his requests (bread and a weapon).
- Jesus calls the church to lean in the direction of compassion. One-thousand years after this event, Jesus remembers the grace and flexibility of Ahimelech (Matthew 12:1-5).
- Ahimelech and Jesus both teach the church to pursue the spirit of the law rather than its letter.
- John 20:19; John 20:22

**Close...**

- Who of us doesn't need an opportunity to prove what we can do? Who of us doesn't need a friend like God provided for David in Jonathan? Who of us doesn't need the encouragement, grace, love and acceptance of a church family.
- David needed all three, God knows you do too. You cannot face your Goliaths alone...so seek the help of God today...

Westwood Church of Christ  
Sunday Morning  
August 26, 2018

***Life Group Questions for the Week of...***  
***Sunday August 26, 2018***

1. In your **OPINION**, why have those who are hurting, for any number of reasons, been so hesitant to come to church for help?
2. Up until this point in the story David has always chosen to do the right thing. But in 1 Samuel 21:1-9 he lies to Ahimelech the priest...twice. What has changed for David?
3. We talked briefly this morning about what David received at "church" in Nob... bread and a weapon. How can we provide those same things spiritually for people here at Westwood?
4. What does Jesus have to say about what Ahimelech did for David and his men? (Matthew 12:1-5). What principle do both Jesus and Ahimelech teach us?
5. How did Jesus use these principles to help Peter and the other frightened and confused disciples after his resurrection? In essence, what two things did Jesus provide for these men? (John 20:19-22)
6. What reward did Ahimelech receive for his kindness? (1 Samuel 22:11-19)