**1 Samuel 29:1-11 (3/23/2025)**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

**READ 1 Samuel 29:1-11**

1.Can you think of / remember a time when you made a poor or ill-advised choice that landed you in a bad situation? Would you be willing to share something of this with your group?

2. David now finds himself in a precarious situation… He is living among the Philistines, serving a Prince among the Philistines, and the Philistines are gathering to go to war against the Israelites. What do you think David was contemplating—before the Philistines began to “make the decision for him”?

3. There are quite a few other people that are now living with the consequences of David’s decisions and actions… What are the implications and impacts for all of these people who are with David in this predicament?

4. Pastor Dan has characterized David’s actions as being rooted, not in “Rebellion”, but in “Doubt”. What might you say in response to the often-held view that Rebellion carries serious consequences, but Doubt is “relatively harmless”?

5. Talk about God’s choice to work graciously, in this situation, toward David and all of the people in David’s care… What do we learn about God? How do you feel about God’s actions, here?

6. How has God been gracious to you? Where have you found yourself realizing that if you get what you deserve, you’re doomed?

Attitudes of doubt regarding authority God has placed in your life…?

Disgruntled with God’s provision (lack of) in your life (spouse, job, house)…?

Wandered into sin or addictive behavior…?

Consider Praying, in your group—Praising God for His grace to you, and also praying for each other regarding these areas of temptation and struggle…