

The marks of

True Friendship

Sunday 15 October 2023

1 Samuel 18:1-4
1 Samuel 19:1-18
1 Samuel 20:1-42
1 Samuel 23:15-18



Growing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ

by being a **CHRISTIAN CARING COMMUNITY**



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Discussion questions for midweek discipleship growth groups

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4
2. Describe what was involved in David and Jonathan becoming soul mates. What is a covenant friendship (v 1,3)? How do we know it was a wholesome and godly friendship between two males?
3. What was significant in the presents Jonathan gave David in verse 4?
4. How did Jonathan keep from becoming jealous of David, and how did David prevent pride creeping in with his growing fame and power?
5. Read 19:1-18. How was God protecting David (v 2, 11-17; 20:9,18-23)?
6. How did Jonathan's friendship to David show itself in 19: 4-7?
7. Why should we treasure and value older Christians at the same time as growing the church younger? (19 verse 18). How can we incorporate all ages in growing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ?
8. Read 20:1-42. How does Jonathan demonstrate his friendship to David in verse 4, and verses 30 to 34, and David to Jonathan in verse 15?
9. Read 23:15-18. How does verse 16 instruct us in keeping our motto of helping each other grow spiritually?
10. Why is humility and no rivalry key in a friendship (verse 17)?
11. How does true friendship reveal itself in grief? (2 Samuel 1:11-12,26)?