



Sunday 29th October 2023

Trusting in God's provision & protection (1 Samuel 21-22)

Give us today our daily bread (21:1-9)

Forgive us our debts (21:10-15)

Deliver us from the evil one (22:1-23)

Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

What makes for a gripping story? What aspects of David's story in these chapters make it a page-turner?

Give us today our daily bread: *Read 1 Samuel 21:1-9.*

As David first set off on the run from Saul, where did he go, and why? When our outer props are stripped away, what do we 'run' to?

Why did David spin this story to Ahimelech? Was he right or wrong?

Did David deserve to eat the special bread that was given to him?

When we cry out to our Heavenly Father to "Give us today our daily bread", is it because we deserve it? What is our heart attitude as we pray this line?

How have you known God's provision for you in desperate times, even in small ways? How thankful are we that God has not forgotten little old me?

Forgive us our debts: *Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15.*

Why do you think David ran to Gath of all places?

Have you ever, in desperation, made a rash decision through a lack of good judgement?

After God rescued David, what stands out from David's prayer in Psalm 34?

Why do we have a need for daily forgiveness from God? Is this the most neglected line from the Lord's Prayer in our lives? What will change this?

Deliver us from the evil one: *Read 1 Samuel 22:1-23.*

How does God protect His people in this part of the story?

What does the sparing of Abiathar tell us about God protecting His church?

How have you known God's protection of you in your life, and what protection do you need right now?