

LIFE Group Sermon Discussion Guide

The Shaping of a Godly Heart: Kept

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Psalm 59

1 Samuel 18, 19

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Sermon Outline

- I. The Frustration of a Rebellious Heart (Saul)
 1. Saul tried to destroy David with his spear
 2. Saul tried to destroy David through the Philistines
 3. Saul tried to destroy David through his daughter
 4. Saul tried to destroy David through his son
 5. Saul tried to destroy David with his spear (again)
 6. Saul tried to destroy David through his spies

The Lord frustrates the way of the wicked.
- II. The Faith of a Godly Heart (David)
 1. Pray
 2. Watch
 3. Sing

Suggested Memory Verse:

Psalm 59:1–2

"Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men."

Review of Last Week:

Have the group share how they applied last week's sermon.

- "You said you would _____. How did that go?"
- "What did God do in your life this week through your obedience?"

RECAP Questions – Read, Engage, Connect, Apply, & Pray

1. Read the Word

Main Question: What is the passage from this week's sermon?

2. Engage the Word

- Main Question: What was something in this passage that stood out to you?
- Additional Follow-up Questions:
 - How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the passage?
 - What other Bible verses came to your mind that speak into this passage?
 - What does this passage reveal about God? About mankind?
 - In your own words, how would you summarize the passage?
 - Is there anything you didn't understand?

- Main Question: How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
- Additional Follow-up Questions:
 - Does Jesus fulfill something in this passage?
 - Is there a problem in this passage that Jesus has overcome?
 - How does Jesus bring future hope to this passage?

3. Connect the Word:

- Main Question: How does this passage connect to our lives right now?
- Additional Follow-up Questions:
 - Is there something in this passage that is similar or different from what we are experiencing?
 - How does this passage connect to your personal life circumstances?
 - How does this passage connect to our life as the church?
 - How does this passage connect to our lost world?

4. Apply the Word:

- Main Question: Is there a promise for you to believe, a command to obey, a warning to heed, an example to follow, or a sin to confess?
- Additional Follow-up Questions:
 - In one or two sentences, what is the next practical step(s) you will take going forward this week?
 - What truth about God and His gospel will motivate your application this week?
 - How can we as a LIFE Group help you, root for you, or hold you accountable?

5. Pray the Word:

- Main Question: Ask God for the power to comprehend and obey all that He has revealed in His preached Word this week.
- Additional Follow-up Questions:
 - What did we learn in this passage that makes us want to praise and thank God?
 - What sin in this passage do we need to confess to God?
 - What help or hope in this passage do we need to ask of God?

Resolve

After you close in prayer, take some time to solidify your group's plan for application of the Word and prayer for each other throughout the week ahead.