

1 Samuel 20:1-42

Pray

Sermon headings:

A model of friendship

A model of discipleship

Have 1 Samuel 20 open in front of you.

1. What is the presenting issue in these verses and how is it resolved? (See verses 1, 12, 33, 42.)
2. Why is David's request of Jonathan in verse 8 potentially surprising?
3. Why is Jonathan's request of David in verses 14 and 15 also potentially surprising?
4. For what reason is each request gladly agreed to?
5. Which qualities of the friendship between Jonathan and David do you most admire?

Pause and pray that these qualities would be genuinely and observably present among us at Emmanuel.

6. What can we learn from Jonathan and David about what is involved in calling Jesus our King?
7. How do we experience the unfailing kindness of Jesus?
8. In what practical ways might we need to give up any claim to 'the throne of our lives' as Jonathan did to the throne of Israel? Can you think of examples?
9. In what ways might it be necessary to choose between loyalty to Jesus and loyalty to our families?
10. In what ways do we experience the protection of Jesus?

Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.