

## Spiritual Formations Questions for Small Groups and Families

*“Self-Deconstruction” (1 Samuel 18)*

***We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him...***

1. What thoughts and feelings are stirred inside of you by of the recent tragedies in our community (Brian Blackburn, Officer Smith, Michael Lewis)? What questions, fears, or doubts (if any) do these events raise?
2. Talk about a time when you felt like evil or chaos was taking over. What impact did that have on your relationship with God?
3. Why was Saul so angered by the song that the women sung in verse 7?
4. How did you first react to the idea that God sent an evil Spirit to torment Saul? Did Pastor Bill’s explanation satisfy you? Why or why not? Was God justified in tormenting one of his children with an evil spirit? Why or why not? Talk about that...
5. What impact did Saul’s “Traps” have on David’s life and his own life? Why is this significant?
6. What does the word “providence” mean? Why is it such an important word for Christians? How would our lives and our world be different if God was not Providential?
7. Read Romans 8:28 (feel free to read any and all of Romans 8 for context). What does this verse mean to you? What does this verse promise?
8. Talk about a time in Biblical or American history when God worked good out of evil.
9. Talk about a time in *your life* when God worked good out of tragedy or suffering.
10. What else strikes you about this story? What other questions does it raise?

**Spend some time in prayer for one another.** Please remember to pray for Michael Lewis’ friends and family.