

Spiritual Formations Questions for Small Groups and Families

“God Gives David a Community” (I Samuel 22:1-2; II Samuel 23:13-17)

The Love of King turns losers into winners, sinners into saints and misfits into Mighty Men!

1. What was your initial reaction to the community that God gave David? Why do you think God surrounded him with such riff raff?
2. How did David’s men change over the course of their time with him in the wilderness? What do you attribute this transformation to?
3. Can you think of someone in your life who was transformed because of their relationship with an individual or a community that loved and accepted them?
4. Why do you think the three men risked their lives to bring David water?
5. What was your initial reaction to David pouring the water on the ground? Did your reaction change as you thought about it more? Why or why not?
6. **The gospel is for everyone.** Do you know anyone who doubts that God still loves them or wants to have a relationship with them? How can you help that person know that the gospel is for them?
 - a. What would your life look like if it weren’t for Jesus? Might your answer be a powerful testimony for those who doubt God’s grace?
7. **Solidarity comes before personal satisfaction.** What might you have to sacrifice in order to guard the unity of the church? What do you need to let go of to make sure that God’s Family is ONE as the Father and Jesus are ONE?
8. **Brothers and sisters in Christ don’t pull rank or lord their power over others.** When are you tempted to think highly of yourself—more highly than other people? What strengths or gifts fuel your pride? How can you take on a posture of greater humility?
 - a. What kind of people do you tend to look down on? What sins, habits, weaknesses, etc. tempt you to slap a label on people or write them off? How can you begin to see these people through God’s eyes of compassion?
 - b. How did Jesus prove that his words in Mark 10:45 weren’t just talk? What does that mean for you, personally?

Spend some time in prayer for one another.