Sermon Discussion Guide

September 25, 2022

READ

Read 1 Samuel 24 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- When the path you are on takes a turn for the worse, you can either take matters into your own hands or you can trust God and wait on his timing (See Group Discussion Question below).
- Taking matters into your own hands takes one of these forms: Rationalized revenge, pilfered pleasures, cowardly compromise, or panicked presumption.
- Waiting on the Lord involves confidence in God's sovereignty and steadfast love, as well
 as the habit of surrendering ourselves to the Lord's purposes.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What is the longest you've ever waited for something? What was the worst part of waiting and what did you do while you waited?
- 2. Pastor J.D. mentioned four ways we take things into our own hands (see above). What are some ways you are tempted to do this instead of waiting on the Lord?
- 3. What's the difference between doing nothing and actively waiting? How can we know we are doing one versus the other?
- 4. Where in your life is God calling you to wait? How can we help each other grow in waiting on God?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
☐ Reflect: What are some truths about God that cultivate patient waiting?	☐ Read Psalm 57, and pray David's prayer together.
 ☐ Respond: What does "active waiting" look like for you this week? ☐ Reach: Is there anyone in your life that is in a hard spot? How can you encourage them as they actively wait on the Lord? 	☐ Pray that God would make us a church that trusts in God's good and wise sovereignty, so that we can learn to wait on him patiently in all things.