

b. What is at stake in our allegiance to Christ (consider Luke 14:26-33)?

5. Read 1 Samuel 20:34-42.
- Contrast Jonathan's admonition to "Go in peace" (v. 42) with the context of weeping. What does Jonathan base the peace upon?

b. How is this similar to Jesus' promise in John 16:33?

c. How can you find peace amidst peaceless circumstances?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Scott Roen - Director of Church Health, Forest Lakes District

Pray for wisdom to navigate the many opportunities for ministry - pastoral care and encouragement, mentoring those in the credentialing process and pastors in difficult situations, preparing for pastoral equipping seminars, providing pulpit supply, organizing geographic networks, staff planning and FLD initiatives.

Sermon Notes

"The Value of Covenant"

1 Samuel 20

October 22, 2017

Introduction

1. The Covenant provides _____.
(1 Sam. 20:1-11)

2. The Covenant calls for _____.
(1 Sam. 20:12-17)

3. The Covenant may demand _____.
(1 Sam. 20:18-34)

4. The Covenant provides _____.
(1 Sam. 20:35-42)

“steadfast love,” “lovingkindness,” “loyal love”)?
Consider 20:8, 14-15.

Conclusion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-22-17

Getting Started:

1. Describe the differences implied by the following four relational descriptions:
 - “contractual”
 - “friendship”
 - “romance”
 - “covenant”

Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel 20:1-11.
 - a. What is significant about the fact that David came to Jonathan when he was running for his life? What was this based upon (consider 20:8; 18:1,3-4)?
 - b. What is the relationship between a covenant and *hesed* (variously translated “unfailing kindness,”

- b. What do you tend to run to when you are depressed, stressed, fearful, or uncertain?

3. In 1 Samuel 20:12-17 we listen in on a conversation between Jonathan and David:
 - a. What does, “The LORD be with you,” (v.13) and “when the LORD has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth” (v. 15) indicate about Jonathan’s view of David? ?

- b. What is the significance of Jonathan’s request from David (1 Sam. 20:14-15)?

- c. Where are the demands of covenant faithfulness calling you to overcome cultural expectations?

4. Read 1 Samuel 20:24-34.
 - a. What was at stake for Jonathan in his pledge of allegiance to David?