

Discussion Questions for October 25, 2009,
“Desperate People Do Desperate Things”
I Samuel 21:1-22:5

1. Where do you most often flee during desperate times? What is your primary reason for going there?

2. What are some of the problems of institutional religion today? Are the problems similar to or different from the problems David faced? I Sam. 21:1-9

3. Was there anything positive from David’s trip to the tabernacle? I Sam. 21:6, 9
What truths about God can you learn from David’s experience with institutional religion?

4. Read I Samuel 21:13-15 with Psalm 34 and 56 (written when David was in Gath).
What do you learn about David’s frame of mind from these scriptures?

5. Has there ever been a time in your own life when you have lived on the fine edge of trust and despair? Describe your own frame of mind.

6. Read I Samuel 22:1-2. Describe David’s surroundings, problems, and possible emotions. Based on what you know of David’s life up to this point, why would his current circumstances be especially challenging?

7. Define the word exile. How did God provide solutions for David’s problems as an exile?

22:1

22:2a

22:3-4

22:5

8. How has God intervened in your life when you have faced desperate circumstances?
Be specific.