

**November 22, 2009, Sermon Discussion Questions**  
***“Letting God Settle the Score,” 1 Samuel 24:1-22***

1. Have you ever been the victim of a terrible injustice? How did you respond or react to that injustice? What kind of terrible circumstance might make you seek revenge? What are ways we try to settle the score in today’s society?
2. Think back over the previous lessons on the life of David. What are some things Saul had systematically destroyed in David’s life? 1 Samuel 18:1-12, 18:20-28, 20:41-42, 22:1 Based on Psalm 142, how would you describe David’s emotional state?
3. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7. What unusual opportunity was presented to David? What one essential attribute of God surfaces in this scene? Based on these verses, why didn’t David take revenge?
4. What does scripture say about revenge? How are you encouraged by God’s Word?  
  
Genesis 50:20  
  
Leviticus 19:18  
  
Psalm 94:1  
  
Proverbs 24:29  
  
Romans 12:17-21  
  
1 Thessalonians 5:15
5. How would you describe David’s character based on his words and body language in verse 8? In what four ways did David recount his great restraint in 1 Samuel 24:8-11?
6. What are the elements of David’s prayer in verses 12-15? Why is prayer essential when we face times of injustice?
7. Read 1 Samuel 24:16-22. What did Saul admit to David? Which part of Saul’s admission do you think most encouraged David? What did Saul request of David? Based on Saul’s request, what was ultimately revealed about Saul’s character?
8. Where is God asking you to maintain integrity in the face of an injustice? What daily practices will you put into place that will help you persevere during these difficult times?