

## **Discussion Questions from the Sermon, November 29, 2009**

### **1 Samuel 26, Josh McNall-Guest Speaker**

1. Read 1 Samuel 26:1-5. Based on this scene, what do you discern about Saul's leadership style? What do you discern about David's leadership style? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses. Have you ever encountered a leader like either?
  
2. What did David and Abishai find when they came into Saul's camp? 26:7
  
3. Saul's sword has a great historical significance in David's life. Look up these verses and discuss each snapshot from Saul's past.  
  
1 Samuel 18: 8-12  
  
1 Samuel 19: 8-10  
  
1 Samuel 20: 27-34
  
4. What are weapons people can use against each other today?
  
5. Based on 1 Samuel 26:9-11, who did David fear more than Saul? Who was David trusting to take care of his enemy? What practical lessons are learned from David's example? Who does scripture credit for the sleeping enemy? What new things do you learn about God from these specific verses?
  
6. What two things did David take from Saul? Why would these two things be so important to Saul?
  
7. The natural world generally responds to conflict or an enemy with a "flight" or "fight" response. In what ways does David respond differently to his enemy? Can you think of other biblical examples who respond similarly? Who is the ultimate example?
  
8. Is there a way you have been wronged by another? Is there a relationship in your life where God is calling you to respond like David? What will you do to make that relationship right this week?