Sunday Sermon Questions

Title: The Joy of Friends and the Agony of Enemies

January 22, 2017

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***MEMORY VERSES***

*As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (1 Samuel 18:1, ESV)*

***FOR FURTHER STUDY(Optional):***

*[Each week our Sermon Questions will include suggestions on other areas of study and application that you might want to pursue on your own or as a group.]*

*As we move through our new series “Loving God Like David,” take this opportunity to read through David’s story in the Bible. You can find the story in 1 Samuel 16-31; 2 Samuel 1-24; 1 Kings 1-2; 1 Chronicles 11-29. Of course, there are many other passages that refer to David or, like many of the Psalms, are songs and prayers that David wrote. A study of the life of David and his importance in God’s plan will also take you through many of the Bible’s central themes, including the One who fulfills the promise of a king to reign on the throne of David forever, our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Samuel 7).*

***Read through the Bible in 2017.***

*Reading plans are on the table in the foyer and you can also find them online at glenwoodcc.org.*

***Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 18:1-16 and others***

1. What would you say are characteristics of a good friendship?

2. What stood out to you the most from this week’s sermon? Why?

3. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-16. What do we learn about David’s friendship with Jonathan from these verses?

What do we learn about David’s relationship with Saul?

4. What do the following passages teach us about the joys and agonies we face in relationships? What made David and Jonathan’s so good and David and Saul’s so bad?

* 1 Samuel 19:1-7
* 1 Samuel 20 12-17, 30-34, 41-42

5. Read 1 Samuel 23:15-18. How does Jonathan encourage David in these verses?

6. What are the challenges, risks, and rewards of pursuing God-honoring friendships?

What can we do to develop such deep and godly friendships in our lives? How can we encourage each other in that pursuit?