

STUDY GUIDE: “The Contrast of Kings”

Discussion Starters

1. Do you sometimes do things out of impulse? List some examples.
2. How passionate are you on the notion of “justice being served”?

Questions

Read 1 Samuel chapters 21-26

3. Was David wrong to eat the consecrated bread? Why or why not? (Read Matt 12:3-7 for further reference.)
4. Did David lie to the priest in 21:2 when he said, “The King has commissioned me...” (Read Psalms 5:2; 20:9; 24:7–10; 29:10; 68:24; 145:1 for reference.)
5. Why does David continually spare Saul’s life when he could justifiably kill him? (Read 1 Sam 24:10; 26:9, 11, 23)

Taking It Home

6. What does David’s example of mercy over his need for justice teach you about how Christians should behave?
7. How can you apply David’s method of self-control this week?