

## **STUDY GUIDE: “The Despair”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Talk about a time that you missed an important deadline and there was no chance for you to make it up. (This could be a work deadline, school deadline, once a year sale, etc.)
  
2. Is there a limit to God’s forgiving grace?

### **Questions**

#### **Read 1 Samuel chapter 27-31**

3. What changed in David’s circumstances from 1 Samuel 21:10-15 to 1 Samuel 27: 1-12. Why did he feel safe returning to King Achish in Gath?
  
4. What are the possible reasons that the spirit medium screamed at the sight of Samuel in 28:12?
  
5. Was God’s judgment on Saul (through Samuel) in verse 28:18 too harsh? Why or why not? Could Saul have sought forgiveness from God at that point? Why or why not?

### **Taking It Home**

6. What can you learn about God’s sovereign judgment based on this section of scripture?
  
7. What can you do this week to respond to God’s invitation for grace while you still have time?