

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **May 29, 2016** sermon, "Panic in the Camp." Please read the sermon passage (1 Samuel 14:1-23) together out loud. Today we observed Memorial Day.

Sermon Outline:

TRUST THAT GOD WILL WORK, EVEN WHEN . . .

1. **Spiritual apathy surrounds you** (1-5)
 - A. Take initiative according to God's will (like Jonathan)
 - B. Resist the tendency to be passive, especially after losses and disappointments (like Saul)
2. **Numerical challenges await you** (6-15)
 - A. You are not "the only believer" in your situation. You are the first believer.
 - B. Courage is rooted in conviction. Jonathan was convicted that God would deliver.
 - C. Note that Jonathan is discipling someone (his armor bearer) as he trusts the Lord.
3. **Material resources limit you** (16-23)
 - A. God will purposefully limit the resources so he gets the glory for the coming victory.
 - B. When God limits the resources of the faithful, open your eyes and see his victory!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In what ways are you surrounded by spiritual apathy? How are you tempted to disengage/give up? How can you take initiative in God's will today?
2. Based on #2, above: What numerical challenges are you facing today? Are you out of money? Are you all alone? Are you in the minority? How does the concept that you are not the "only believer," but rather the "first believer" encourage your heart?
3. Based on #2, above: While Jonathan took initiative, he purposefully taught his armor bearer the ways of the Lord. Who might you teach (disciple) while you faithfully take initiative?
4. Based on #2, above: Jonathan continually spoke of God's faithfulness, even after his army suffered a recent defeat. He kept bringing God's name into the story. In what ways do you bring God's name into the story in a winsome and positive way?
5. Based on #3, above: God often limits the resources so he will get the glory for the victory. How has God done this in your life (removed resources but still provided a victory)? How did you give him the glory?