

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DAVID – FEBRUARY 22-23

STAY ON YOUR GAME

ICEBREAKER: Do you go to the Rodeo? Who will you see? What is your favorite rodeo food?

CONTEXT: David is on the run from Saul who is out to kill him. He's tired, isolated and afraid.

QUESTION: What is the Golden Rule? (*Do unto others as you would have others do unto you*) When and how does the rule fall apart? (*Do unto others as others have done unto you*)

READ: I Samuel 25:1-13

QUESTION: What was significant about sheep-shearing season? (*time of celebration/festive time*)

QUESTION: How does David approach Nabal? (*I've "done good" by you*) What was Nabal's response?

READ: I Samuel 25:14-22

QUESTION: What made Abigail's response so wise and courageous? What was at the root of David's issue with Nabal? (*Nabal was going to pay David's good back with evil and David wants revenge*)

READ: I Samuel 25: 23-33

QUESTION: What does Abigail say to David that diffuses the situation?
(This isn't who you are or what God's best is for you and others)

QUESTION: When and how have you seen a wise and thoughtful response diffuse anger or fear or someone headed in the wrong direction?

QUESTION: What makes someone approachable? Would your family describe you as approachable? What about your co-workers?

QUESTION: How can you keep good boundaries and at the same time repay good for evil?

QUESTION: How can you apply this message in a current professional, friend or family relationship you are in now? How about with an organization or employer? (We are not charged with avenging wrongs against us. What does loving our "enemy" look like?)

PRAYER: God give us the courage and humility to look in the mirror and choose good for evil. Give us wisdom like Abigail to have Your perspective and response. In Jesus' Name, Amen.