



Kings & Kingdoms: Week 3 **6/21 Allies | 1 Samuel 19-20**

SAY THIS: The sermon this week taught us the Kingdom of God advances through covenant allies, not isolated heroes. Therefore no one at Rush Creek should be waiting for a Jonathan, instead we are to either be becoming a Jonathan or pursuing a Jonathan. The text this week focuses on the friendship between Jonathan and David, but also a type of hunted innocence and the painful realization that some houses can no longer be called home. The friendship of Jonathan and David is a model for us to know that we are never intended to serve or lead alone. We need people around us that are loyal, generous, encouraging, and spiritually aligned under God's sovereignty.

DO THIS: Ask the group to pair up in groups of 2. Each group is given a section of chapters 19-20. Give them 5 minutes to read the section. Call everyone back and have the group summarize their section. By the end of the activity the whole group will have experience a refresher on the text from the sermon.

ASK: *Peruse the questions and use the ones most applicable to your group*

1. David spends much of these chapters trying to understand what has changed. Have you realized that a relationship, workplace, ministry, or season of life had become unsafe long before you were willing to admit it? What helped you finally see it?
2. Jonathan stands between his father's rage and his friend's vulnerability. When have you been caught between loyalty to a person and loyalty to what is right? What did that tension reveal about you?
3. Michal risks her position to help David escape. What has quietly protected or advocated for you during a difficult season? What did their courage mean to you?
4. David repeatedly asks, "What have I done?" When have you carried blame for something that was not truly yours to carry? How did that experience shape the way you see yourself or God?
5. Jonathan refuses to let fear determine the terms of friendship. From your life experience, what qualities make someone trustworthy enough to walk with you through uncertainty, grief, or conflict?
6. The arrows Jonathan shoots become a message David never wanted to hear. Tell about a time when reality forced you to accept something you had hoped was not true. What was lost, and what was gained?
7. The chapters are filled with a lot of loss. David loses his home, his status, and his sense of security. What part of your life have you had to release in order to remain faithful to who God was calling you to become?



WATCH THIS: Spend a few minutes aligning your hearts with this sister church in Mozambique who lost their homes and church building to a weather disaster. They found what materials they could, gathered at their destroyed church, and cried out to God: https://youtu.be/kplODWk-nSI?si=PgcxhnKgLrNh_daS

8. Jonathan and David part with tears, yet they do not part without hope. Looking back over your life, what goodbye has become unexpectedly sacred? A loss that, over time, revealed God's faithfulness in a deeper way?

End your time with prayer to encourage those in the group based on their responses to Q7.