

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: September 14, 2022
1 Samuel 23

1. What happened in our last Bible Study?
 - a. David fled to a cave and his family and all those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him and he became their commander.
 - b. Saul offered power and wealth to his officials to do what he wanted.
 - c. Saul questioned the priests who had helped David.
 - d. Saul ordered his officials to kill the priests, but they wouldn't.
 - e. Saul ordered Doeg to kill the priests and he killed the whole family and the town, all but one who fled to David.

2. What happens in 23:1? _____

3. What did David do before he acted to go save his brothers from the Philistine attack?
 - a. Ask his men what he should do.
 - b. Inquire of God as to what he should do.
 - c. Weigh the pros and cons.

What did David's men tell him, according to 23:3? _____

Were the words of David's men reasonable? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

How do you suppose God's direction will compare with the words of your well-meaning friends or family? _____

What do you do when you are facing a situation and need to know what to do? _____

4. What happened when David inquired of the Lord a second time, according to verses 4-6?
 - a. God ignored David.
 - b. God toyed with David to see how long he would keep praying.
 - c. God answered his prayer.

5. After David had inquired again and received a clear answer from God, what did he do?
 - a. He obeyed.
 - b. He gave in to the will of his men.
 - c. He did the safe thing.

What was the result when David obeyed God? _____

6. How did Saul react when he found out where David was, according to verse 7-8? _____

What did David do when he heard about it, according to verses 9-12? _____

7. Did Saul inquire of the Lord before going out to besiege David? Yes _____ No _____
Had God really handed David over to Saul as Saul thought? Yes _____ No _____
Is it possible to be this wrong about what God has said? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

What did Jonathan say to David during this time, according to verses 15-18? _____

Do you know when God is speaking to you? Yes _____ No _____ How? _____