

DEEP IMPACT WITH DAVID

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting no 4 **THEME: navigate!**

Prepare with prayer for the meeting. If you want to do more, spend time in reading the book of Samuel, consider reading I Samuel 19 - 23

Start with sharing:

- Last time we thought and talked about friendship. Some of you last time said they would be accountable to encourage someone. Share: did you do it? If yes: how did it go? If no: what happened, why didn't you do it – be honest and vulnerable!

Pray and thank the Lord Jesus for His promise to be present where you are together in His Name

Read from the Bible: I Samuel 23 : 1-14 (understanding the passage)

- Vs. 1-5: We read twice that David inquired of the Lord. Why didn't he decide by himself, about what was he uncertain?
- Vs. 6: Background information: in chapters 21 and 22 you read more about what happened that Abiathar fled to Keilah. Ephod: a religious object, used to receive answer from God/deity (also used in the religions around Israel. Interesting information: In Numbers 27:15-21 we read that Moses asks God to give to His people a shepherd leader (king); and a priest to whom the king can go to inquire of the Lord, to know whether the people must go for battle or not.
- Vs. 7-14: Compare the way David makes decisions with Saul's way.

Digging deeper

- Although Jesus was the Son of God, we see Him in prayer frequently. What do we learn from this?
- God sends His Spirit to lead His children (Romans 8:14). And promises wisdom to those who ask Him (James 1:5-7). How does this work, or not work, for you? Share in a vulnerable way – about your joy and/or frustration in this. Living, guided by the Holy Spirit, how does that work?
- If you long to be more attentive for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, how do you make that practical for yourself? Do you want to be accountable for something in this (on which we will come back next week)?

End the Life Group meeting with praying together.