

DEEP IMPACT WITH DAVID

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting no 5 THEME: be patient!

Prepare yourself with prayer for the meeting. Read I Samuel 24 (and listen to the sermon).

20.00 – 20.10 Start Everyone gives a short answer on this question:

- Being attentive for the guidance of the Holy Spirit: have you learnt/experienced something last week that you can share?

20.10 – 20.15 Pray for a blessed Life Group meeting

20.15 – 20.20 Read from the Bible: I Samuel 24

20.20 – 20.40

- Vs. 1-7 Here we see how Saul's life is spared. How did this feel to David's men? Do you see similar feelings in the book of Jonah? And in the life of Jesus? Did you ever face such feelings?
- Vs. 8-15 Here we see how David makes known to Saul how he just spared his life. He shows respect but also asks confronting questions. As a Christian we should reflect David's willingness to spare people (not to expose them to our wrath), but we should also reflect David's courage to confront people with respect. We need balance here. Does this challenge you?
- Vs. 16-22 Here we see that David promises to be faithful to Saul's descendants. Take a moment to think about being faithful in what you have promised (also small promises). In being faithful we can show the character of God and of Jesus. Are you aware at this moment of something that you have (once) promised to someone, but you haven't kept the promise yet?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper

To see God's patience and faithfulness towards us in Christ, transforms our lives. The apostles call us to be patient:

- with others in general in our daily lives (colleagues/fellow students/family members/government etc) – (see Romans 12:9-13:10)
 - with each other in the Christian fellowship – (see Colossians 3:8-13)
 - with God - in waiting for the fulfilment of His promises and understanding that He is patient with the world, not wishing that any should perish – and therefore we should not give up the pursuit for a holy life
- Take two minutes of silence. Can you mention something where this is hard for you at the moment and wherein others can pray for you?

20.50 – 21.00 End the Life Group meeting with praying together.