



**Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!**

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** People Problems - A Better Way, 5/28/23 - Relationships are complicated, even disappointing and painful at times. But they are also necessary; we were made for them. Through them, we grow. Relational health determines the richness of our lives. When handled intentionally, our relationships can be beautiful and truly fulfilling. They can be all they are meant to be when we give God control. (*Passages: 1 Samuel 24, Psalms 27:1-5*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

Have you ever taken relationship advice from others without seeking God? Have you acted impulsively? Selfishly or vengefully? Was there a time you didn't invite God into a relationship or situation? How did things pan out?

Read 1 Samuel 24. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

David's actions are incredible. Not many would pass up such an easy opportunity to see revenge. Yet even when his friends were goading him on, David had the wisdom and discernment to know what was right and act on it. What did David's choice prove about his character? What empowered him to make the right decision?

Even the most important and fulfilling relationships can be extremely difficult. It takes an attentive heart to make the most of our relationships. Read the following 10 lessons drawn from this passage. Which do you need to practice applying?

1. Weigh outside voices with discernment.
2. Don't let your heart get hard and bitter; a soft heart is a strong heart.
3. Listen carefully and follow God.
4. Wait on His timing.
5. Keep your conscience clear.
6. Respect doesn't mean subjecting yourself to abuse.
7. Grace & mercy are beautiful.
8. Know God's role & invite Him into your situation.
9. Return evil with good (Romans 12:20).
10. Use wisdom.

Meditate on Psalm 27:1-5 when you feel tempted to respond quickly or emotionally.

**Group Challenge:** Choose a passage of scripture to memorize and help you through hard spots in your relationships.