

Sermon Discussion Questions from January 10, 2010
“Falling Away from Christ-What Happens When We Don’t Wait on God”
I Samuel 27:1-28:2

1. What factors cause believers to compromise and fall away from Christ? How do unrelenting daily pressures affect our decision making abilities?
2. *Sometimes lessons are learned from what is not done in scripture. What is conspicuously absent from David’s decision making process in v.1-7 (1 Samuel 23:2, 4, 9-12)? Who did David talk to about fleeing to the Philistines? Why do you think David was so anxious about the future?
3. What does scripture say about the importance of prayer?

Matthew 26:41

Ephesians 6:18

Luke 18:1, 21:36

Philippians 4:6

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Has there ever been a time when you made a decision without praying? What was the result? What did you learn from your prayerlessness?

4. Read 1 Samuel 16:13, 18:4, 23:17, 24:20, 25:30 with 27:1. What is the main reason David went to the Philistines? Why is waiting so hard for us? How does waiting affect our relationship with God? (positively and negatively)
5. Read v.8-12. What was the second thing David did apart from God’s direction? Was David successful operating in the flesh? What lessons can you derive from this fact?
6. What character flaws and compromises are revealed in David in v.8-12? Name other biblical characters who had a pattern of deception. What are the major areas that we can become entangled in the affairs of the world? How does scripture address such entanglements? 2 Timothy 2:4, Hebrews 12:1
7. What dead end did David reach in 1 Samuel 28:1-2? What did David do when presented with an impossible situation?
8. When have you hit a dead end when you failed to wait on God? What choices did you have and what did you choose? What was the biggest lesson you learned from not waiting on God?