

Sermon Discussion Questions from January 24, 2010
***“Five Marks of Spiritual Maturity”* Dr. Rod MacIlvaine**
1 Samuel 29:1-30:31

1. Define the word “maturity.” Think back over David’s life; how did God build maturity into David over the past eight years? What does a mature Christian look like? How do you think maturity is developed in a believer’s life?
2. Read 1 Samuel 29:1-11. In what predicament did David find himself? How did God operate in David’s life? What lessons do you learn about God in these verses?
3. Has there ever been a time in your life when you drifted from God? When and how did the Lord bring you back to a place of faithfulness and blessing? Describe the lessons you learned during this time of drifting?
4. Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6b. What did David and his men find in Ziklag? How did David and his men react? In what way did David find strength? Read Psalms 22:21; 23, and 62. Based on these Psalms, how else did David find strength during difficult times? Think in specifics; how do you find strength during the hard times in your life?
5. Read 1 Samuel 30:7-15. In what two ways did David receive the guidance to discern God’s will? Where do you go for guidance? How is your spiritual life affected when you have a clear leading from the Lord?
6. Read 1 Samuel 30:16-25. After the recovery and rescue mission, what new problem arose among David’s men? What statute and ordinance did David make that is a great principle for the body of Christ today? What leadership qualities surface in David’s life?
7. Read 1 Samuel 30:26-31. What did David do with some of the spoils of war? What do you think motivated David to do such a thing? What would you have thought if you had witnessed David’s actions? What life lessons surface in this section of scripture?
8. Identify the marks of maturity exemplified by David in this lesson? Based on David’s example; which of these qualities do you already have in your life? Which of the marks of mature leadership do you need in your own life? What steps will you take this week to begin to develop spiritual maturity in your own life?