

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**I SAMUEL 28:3 – 31:13**

Day 1 – Read I Samuel 28:3 – 31:13

1. What part of the lecture on I Samuel 25:1 – 28:2 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review I Samuel 28:3-25

2. At this point in Saul's life he was completely without spiritual support. From these review verses, what spiritual support had he had in the past which was now unavailable to him?

- a. I Samuel 16:14
- b. I Samuel 22:17-19
- c. I Samuel 25:1

3. Saul had put mediums and wizards out of the land (28:3), but now in desperation called on one. What did God say about the occult in these Scriptures?

- a. Leviticus 19:31, 20:6, 27
- b. Deuteronomy 18:9-12
- c. I Timothy 4:1

d. Revelation 21:8

e. What did Isaiah 8:19-20 give as the alternative to consulting mediums and wizards?

4. What do you think was missing in Saul when he approached God causing God not to answer? See II Corinthians 7:9-10; James 4:4-10.

5. What did Samuel prophesy concerning God's imminent judgment of Saul and his family, and Israel?

#### Day 3 – Review I Samuel 29:1-11

6. Why did Achish feel David would be loyal to him and fight against the Israelites? See I Samuel 27:8 – 28:2.

7. Why did the commanders of the Philistines feel David would not be loyal to their cause?

8. a. Verse 8 shows David's confused state. In the phrase "that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king," who were the "enemies" and who was "my lord the king?"

b. In what respect do you think the decision of the Philistine commanders was a benefit to David?

#### Day 4 – Review I Samuel 30:1-31. Also read I Chronicles 12:19-22.

9. When David and his men returned to Ziklag what had happened?

10. a. In verse 4, how did David and the people respond?
  - b. In verse 6, to what action did each turn as a result?
  - c. When you experience grief, do you tend to blame others or turn to the Lord?
11. a. When David returned to the Lord, how did the Lord bless him?
  - b. How did David in turn bless others?
12. From I Chronicles 12:19-22, who also joined David's army at this time?

Day 5 – Review I Samuel 31:1-13. Also read I Chronicles 10:1-14.

13. a. Who ultimately killed Saul in the flesh?
  - b. Who killed Saul in the spirit?
14. In I Chronicles 10:1-14, what is listed as the reason for Saul's death?
15. List 5 characteristics of Saul that stand out in your mind from our study. Give Scripture references when possible.
16. What are your thoughts concerning Jonathan also being slain?
17. a. What did the valiant men of Jabesh-gilead do?

b. What other event did we study involving a relationship between Saul and the men of Jabesh-gilead? See I Samuel 11:1-11.

18. a. In review, compare I Samuel 28:20 which shows Saul in utter desperation, to I Samuel 30:6 when David was in a similar state of mind. What difference do you find?

b. Do you have this difference in your life?

c. What does the phrase, "David strengthened himself in the Lord his "God" mean to you?

19. This lesson completes our study of I Samuel. What has been most significant to you?