

Like Father, Unlike Son
1 Samuel 18:1-16
October 25, 2020

I. Accepting the Plan of God (V. 1-5)

A. When you accept the plan of God for your life, you become _____ to God's plan in the lives of others.

B. When you accept the plan of God for your life, Godly people become your _____.

C. When you accept the plan of God for your life, God and His people will be a blessing to be _____.

II. Rejecting the Plan of God (V. 6-16)

A. When you reject the plan of God for your life, you become _____ at God's plan in the lives of others.

B. When you reject the plan of God for your life, Godly people become your _____.

C. When you reject the plan of God for your life, God and His people become fears to be _____.

III. God's Plan for Your Life

A. Without God's Holy _____, it is impossible for you to accept God's holy _____.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5
2. A soul being knit to another soul is strong language. Why would David's victory over Goliath be grounds for Jonathan to knit his soul to him? What lessons can Christians learn from this text about how to seek and sustain lasting relationships?
3. Have you ever been moved to give to someone (financially or otherwise) because of what God was doing in their life, like Jonathan did in verse 4? Why do Christians do that?
4. How does accepting God's plan for your life affect your view of God's plan in the lives of others?
5. 1 Samuel 18:6-16
6. Considering Saul already knew he had been replaced (1 Samuel 13:14, 15:28), why was he so offended, even surprised, that other people were being exalted above him (V. 7-8)? Can people both know the punishment for disobedience and still resent that punishment? Why?
7. How does rejecting God's plan for your life affect your view of God's plan in the lives of others?
8. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our accepting or rejecting the plan of God?
9. Pray for each other, that all may have a heart to accept God's plan for their lives. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

Join us for Prayer: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM — Dial 701-802-5374 and at the prompt enter 5160582#

Luke 5:16

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.
 PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.
 PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.
 PRAY for the ASU West college ministry
 PRAY for the AWANA ministry every Wednesday evening—and the need for Awana nursery helpers.
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.
 PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. who are back in their field of service. Pray for their last week of quarantine to go well.
 PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon
 PRAY for David and Comfort J. for safety in their field of service in Nigeria

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus as we open the doors of Apollo Baptist.
 PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.
 PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.
 PRAY for our country (Supreme Court process, the election process) and for us to be godly citizens
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.
 PRAY for our new intern, Juliana S., and her ministry.
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.
 PRAY for additional preschool volunteers to care for children once a month during the morning worship service.

Pray For Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - The loss of Charity M's cousin Johanna and great-aunt Olga
 - The loss of Rebecca R's brother
 - The loss of Ray and Sue J's daughter-in-law Lynette
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B's. grandmother (breast cancer)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
 - Michelle L. (migraines), Rezwana D (migraines), Mary R.(starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism), Laura M. (neck vertebrae with ruptured disc causing extreme pain), Larry D (brain bleed not completely healed), Gary F.(currently in a hospice center) Barbara B. (hospital), Ken R. (son and family have COVID), Nancy C's father (in hospice)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), Laura M. (Nov. 25-neck vertebrae)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Kevin M.(Vertebrae surgery), Butch L. (slowly healing from skin cancer surgery and infection), Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Mary R. (dialysis related surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of