**Text Application Questions for 1 Samuel 31:1-13 – The End of King Saul**

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Read 1 Samuel 31:1-13

Chapter 31 picks up the Saul story from the end of chapter 28. Why do you think the author of 1 Samuel went back and forth between David and Saul?

What did the Philistines do with the bodies of Saul and his sons when they came upon them? Why would they do this? Compare 1 Samuel 17:54

Why did the men of Jabesh-gilead risk their lives to honour the bodies of Saul and his sons? Compare 1 Samuel 11.

Both the people of Jabesh-gilead and David honoured Saul at his death (see 2 Samuel 1). Can we, and should we, honour people at their death, even if they don’t finish well from God’s perspective?

At the end of 1 Samuel, and at the end of Saul’s life, consider:

* Where did things go wrong for King Saul? What was his fundamental failure?
* What was the key difference between David and Saul?
* How can we be more like David and avoid Saul’s fate?
* If the key theme of 1 Samuel is “Looking for the King,” then how does 1 Samuel help us on this quest?

Discuss any other lessons that you have learned or questions that you may have from our time studying 1 Samuel.