

## Personal/Group Training Guide

Week of 7/22/18

### “Abigail – Standing in the Gap”

*1 Samuel 25*

- (1) Read 1 Samuel 25:1-8. What is David asking from Nabal? Do you find anything out of the ordinary with this request, or does it seem reasonable?
- (2) Read 1 Samuel 25:9-11. Discuss Nabal’s response. Is there anything that catches your attention? How likely is it that he knew who David was? What does Nabal’s response indicate in regard to his personality/attitude?
- (3) Read 1 Samuel 25:12-13 and discuss David’s response. Is it justifiable? Is it out of line in any way? If so, how?
- (4) Abigail enters the scene starting in verse 14. Read verses 14-19. What do you think prompted her to react so quickly and in the way that she did? Why would she not tell Nabal? Is she right in not telling him?
- (5) Read 1 Samuel 25:20-31. Why is Abigail interceding in this way? Share a time when someone interceded on your behalf. How did that make you feel? What was your response to it?
- (6) 1 Samuel 25:32-35 contains David’s response to Abigail. How did he respond and why do you think he did so in this way? How does his response correspond to what you may already know about David?
- (7) How challenging is it for you to accept someone interceding with you in a way that is questioning your behavior or attitude? Describe an example of this in your own life experience. What was the result of it?
- (8) Do you think that we are supposed to “stand in the gap” with someone we know, who may be drifting off course? How seriously do you take the concept of accountability, both in giving and receiving it?
- (9) Peace is a component of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). How can standing in the gap with or for someone help to produce this fruit? Is there a personal example of this that you would like to share?
- (10) There are three characters in this story – Nabal, David, and Abigail. Share a brief summary of their part of the story and how it likely reflects the presence (or lack thereof) of God in their life. Where (with whom) do you most relate to at this point in your life?