

Bible Study: Friendships to Die For

Purpose: To show the group that spiritual friendships run deep. You can't choose family, but you can choose your friends. Example of Saul and Jonathan, and how he loved David so much he did the right thing, regardless of his father's intentions. Tie in this devotion to that of Jesus when he went to the cross to die for us.

Introduction: Talk about sharing shampoo with a roommate. Ask if they'd ever share clothes. Is it wimpy for guys to say they love each other? Use this to lead into the closeness that David and Jonathan had between them. Jonathan gave David his armor, signifying the deferment of the mantle and kingdom of his father's inheritance. Ask if there's anyone you'd be willing to die for.

1 SAMUEL 14:6-15 ~ Jonathan and his armor bearer slay 20 Philistines.

Q: Was Jonathan crazy?

Q: Was he naïve?

Q: What kind of faith is seen here?

1 SAMUEL 18:1-4 ~ Jonathan makes a covenant with David.

Q: Would you be willing to give someone the shirt off your back?

Q: Why is Jonathan giving up his personal items?

Q: What is the significance of this?

Q: Would you be willing to give up your inheritance to someone else?

***Q: What if this person was hitting on your sister?**

1 SAMUEL 19:1-7 ~ Jonathan intercedes for David.

Q: Growing up, did you ever think you knew everything?

Q: Have you ever defied your parents?

Q: Is Jonathan justified here?

Q: Must we honor our father and our mother?

1 SAMUEL 20:32-33

Q: Are we willing to risk our lives for the right cause?

Q: Was Jonathan too sick to eat?

Q: What are you willing to give up for friendship?

1 SAMUEL 20:40-42

Q: They kissed? Dude, what's going on there?

Q: Two mighty warriors, embracing each other in a field. Isn't that weird?

Q: Their descendants. What is significant about this?