Sermon Study Guide - February 12th, 2023

Today's Focus: "The Savior's Sermon: Love Your Enemy"

- 1) Thoughts to get you started...
 - What kinds of enemies do you have in your life? What have people done to you that you dwell on and just can't get past?
 - What does it mean to love someone in a Christian sense? What is Jesus asking us to do when, in his sermon, he tells us to "love your enemy"? How can we actually do what he says?
- 2) Today's Message: 1 Samuel 26:7-25 (see insert for full text)

⁹ But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless? ¹⁰ As surely as the Lord lives," he said, "the Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. ¹¹ But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

<u>Law</u>: <u>Gospel</u>:

How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon
1. What had Saul done to David throughout the past?
2. Why was David still willing to "love his enemy"?
3. What kinds of enemies do we have in our life?
4. In what ways have we been God's enemies?
5. What did Jesus do while we were still God's enemies?
6. How can Jesus help us to love our enemies?
4) Taking it Home:
Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:
Monday: review Rom. 12:9-21, Matt. 5:38-48 Thursday: 1 Samuel 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 18-20 Friday: review 1 Samuel 26:7-25 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 21-22 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-2:7