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- 7) Why do you think David was able to genuinely mourn for Saul's death, after all the harm Saul had done to him?

What can we do today to have this same heart/attitude towards those who harm/attack us?

TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Israel has gone through a very dark period with Saul as king. Yet, in the midst of that, we are reminded that God always has a remnant of people faithful to Him, and that God always has a plan. (Optional: See 1 Kings 19:18) How does this reminder comfort you today?

What can you do to remember God's remnant and plan in the midst of spiritually dark times?

- 9) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 23, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) In 2 Samuel 1, an Amalekite seems to *stretch* the truth. It seems he found Saul's body and took his crown and bracelet - but the man told David he killed Saul to put him out of his misery. Can you think of a time when you lied or stretched the truth? What happened?
- 2) Have you caught someone else in their lie? Why do you think it's important not to lie or embellish the truth?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 31 and 2 Samuel 1?
- 4) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) Looking at Saul's life, we see that he lost his "right" or ownership of the throne back in 1 Samuel 13 and 15 because he rebelled against God's commands. Yet, Saul did everything he could to *keep* the throne for years afterwards. In some ways, Saul is like Satan. Satan lost

the “right” or ownership of the world when Jesus died on the cross, but Satan is holding on as long as he can before he’s finally removed from power. What stands out to you from the following passages?

Ephesians 2:1-2 - “[1] And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2] in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

John 8:44 - (Jesus speaking to the unbelieving Jews) “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

Ephesians 6:12 - “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

1 John 5:18-19 - “[18] We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. [19] We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

What do these passages teach us about Satan?

Do you think it is important for Christians to know these things about Satan? Why or why not?

Do you think it's possible to focus too much on Satan? Why or why not?

6) What stands out to you from the following passages?
Colossians 2:13-15 - “[13] And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, [14] having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. [15] Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Revelation 20:1-3,10 - “[1] Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; [3] and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. ... [10] The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

What do these verses teach us about God and/or the victory He has accomplished for us?

Why do you think God allowed Saul (and allows Satan) to “hold on” to their authority for so long? What is God’s plan?