

### The Heart of the Matter

12. What is something that you are distressed over right now? Is there anything you are afraid of in your current situation?

13. When harm comes to your family or prize possessions, how do you initially respond: With bitterness and blame, as typified by David's men? Or by finding strength in the Lord, as David does? Where do you need that strength right now?

14. What commodity (time, money, possessions) are you least likely to be generous with? Why?

15. As a reflection of God's kindness and provision, with whom would you like to be especially generous this week?

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## Life Group Study Guide

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### Breaking Fear's Grip 1 Samuel 30 For the Week of July 2, 2017

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Has your house or a friend's house ever been destroyed by fire? How did that affect you or your friend?
3. What are some of the things that you fear the most?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. How does the Lord once again look after David's interests when his enemies attack him? V2; 27:9

5. How do you think David "found strength in the Lord?" V6

6. What was the nature of David's distress (fear) in verse 6? How would you have felt if you were in the same situation?

7. Note that David found strength in the Lord before taking up the ephod in verse 6. On what historical basis was David able to find "strength in the Lord his God?" (hint: What had God done for David in the past?)

8. How does the ephod relate to David's question and God's will? V7-8; 23:9-12 What answer does God give David through the use of the ephod in verse 8? How did David respond to this answer? V9-10

9. If you had been the Egyptian discovered in verses 11-16 what would you be feeling as your master raided and torched Ziklag? As your master then abandoned you without food and water in the desert? As David and his men then discover you? Feed you? Interrogate you? Follow your lead in pursuit of the Amalekites?

10. In verses 17-20 God gives David a great victory as God had promised. What dissension in David's ranks now threatens to make this victory bittersweet? V21-22 How does David deal with that? V23-26

11. While David is destroying the Amalekites Saul is dying in battle. V31:1-11 How does David at this point replace Saul as God's anointed? V15:2-3