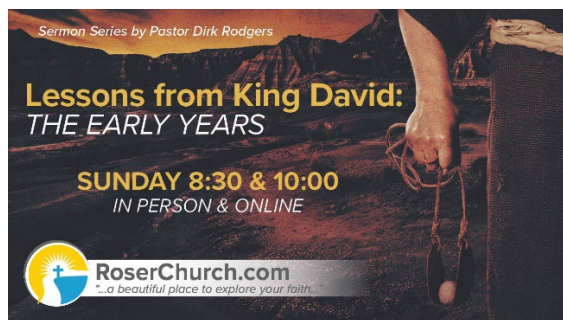




Today's Topic:

Time for New Rules

1 Samuel 21:1-6

February 11, 2024

1. Anointed, but _____

“David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, ‘Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?’ David answered Ahimelek the priest, ‘The king sent me on a mission and said to me, “No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.” As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.’” 1 Samuel 21:1-3 (NIV, 2011)

2. Anointed, but _____

“‘Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.’ But the priest answered David, ‘I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.’” 1 Samuel 21:3-4 (NIV, 2011); compare Leviticus 24:5-9

3. Anointed and _____

“Then he said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’” Mark 2:27-28 (NIV, 2011); compare Matthew 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5

The Point:

Next Steps: We must be _____ ?

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a desperate situation that might force someone to take actions others might judge as wrong.
2. What difficult decisions must Ahimelek make when confronted by David’s request for bread? What choices does he have?
3. Read Mark 2:23-28. What point is Jesus making when he refers to this incident?
4. What lessons can we learn from this incident about our church “rules”?
5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?