



Small Group Discussion Guide

July 1, 2018

Sermon Title:

"Taking Your Stand"

Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 23:8-12

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

Getting Started: Do you have any traditional ways you celebrate the 4th of July? What do you remember of any childhood practices?

Discussion:

1. Read the text together. What were the name of David's 3 "Mighty Men"? How many total "Mighty Men" did he have? (**Reference Vs. 39**) Who was the last one mentioned and what do we know of him?
2. In order for people to live free, several people have had to sacrifice greatly. (Many still are daily in serving in our armed forces- away from their homes and families.) Consider the examples the Pastor gave of those who have given much, but have stood their ground bravely:
 - ***Eleazar stood his ground.** Read about his battle. What did the Israelite army do? What did Eleazar do? What physiological anomaly happened as a result of his continued fighting? (**Reference: Vs. 10**) What was the result of his bravery and courage? (**Reference: Vs. 10b**)
 - ***Founding Fathers stood their ground.** How many men were original signers of the Declaration of Independence? They were immediately considered traitors by the British Crowne. However, each of them ***"with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."***
 - ***Jesus Christ stood His ground.** He faced the most formidable foe of all time- Satan. Satan is called a "roaring lion." (**Reference: 1 Peter 5:8**) Jesus is called "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah." (**Reference: Revelation 5:5**)
 - ***We must stand our ground.** Upon on what shall we stand?
 - The truth of God's word.
 - The Undefeatable Church
 - The finished work of Christ on the cross.

Ephesians 6:13 sums it all up.

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. ***Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!***