

Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
July 10, 2022 – ESC Worship Service



Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 24:1–22

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “The Wilderness at En-Gedi”

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- If you’re new to our service, welcome to our church! After worship, please join us at the fellowship hall for refreshment and snacks. We would love to meet you. Also, we invite you to email us at hello@vcefc.org so that someone from the welcome / care team can reach out to you. [PAUSE for several seconds.]
- Church Picnic (All three congregations): July 30th, 9:30am to 1:30pm at Rocky Point Park (2800 Murray st Port Moody) Ticket Price: \$8 meal, \$7 bus. Tickets are now on sale after worship service until July 17th from Geoffrey Chum.
- “Summer Learning As A Community” – a video series on “Psalms – A Devotional Exposition” By Dr. Bruce Waltke of Regent College is from June 5 to September 25. Every Sunday 11:30–12:30. Class held in-person in the Fellowship Hall or on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7876891881>

Benediction

- Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. Because of his jealousy and insecurity, Saul has gathered three thousand men from all of Israel to hunt David down to kill him. So David fled into the Judean wilderness to hide from the King. In the Bible, the wilderness was both a geographic place, barren and harsh, and a metaphor for those times when life is difficult and filled with adversity. Wilderness experiences are seasons of loss, opposition, betrayal, abandonment, despair or failure.
Have you ever had a “wilderness” experience in your life? Describe what that experience was like and what circumstance drove you into the “wilderness”.
2. How have you responded to your season of being in the “wilderness”? and what have you received and learned from it?
3. The wilderness is full of danger, difficulties but it can also be a place of beauty and truth. What are some of the danger and difficulties of being in life’s “wilderness” and what are some of the beauty that one can encounter there?
4. What did David do when had the opportunity to kill Saul and make himself king?
5. What lessons do you think David learned in the wilderness that enabled him to act the way he has with Saul?
6. What lessons can you learn from this story of David that can help you go through the your own time in the wilderness?