SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

DESPAIR AND DARKNESS WHEN THE LORD DEPARTS
1 SAMUEL 28:3-25

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Saul's decision to respond to the LORD's departure by diving deeper into darkness only deepened his despair.

I. Despairing at the LORD's Departure (v.3-6)
II. Diving Deeper into Darkness (v.7-15)
III. Deepening Despair (v.16-25)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Why would the Bible include such a dark chapter?

2. How does this chapter set David's plight in perspective? How does it help put your struggles as a Christian in perspective?

3. How can this chapter help us witness to our neighbours who are living in desperate darkness?

4. Covenant children, when it's dark outside, we look forward to the sun! When you feel your heart is dark, do you look for the Son of God to rescue you?

FURTHER READING: Eph 2:12-13; 1 Chron 10:14; Isa 8:19-20, 55:6-7