

1-2 SAMUEL: DAVID AS KING

A Kingdom in Chaos 2 Samuel 19-21

1. If you feel like sharing... has your life turned out like you thought it would? Is that for the better or worse than you thought? Have there been seasons you would answer the other way?
2. How does this passage help you understand God? How does it exalt Jesus?
3. What are your thoughts on David's mourning in Ch 19? Do you experience compassion for him, or do you think he brought it on himself?
4. Even after Absalom's death, why do you think the text presents David as the consummate politician? Does anything said here change your answer to the previous question?
5. Setting aside the consequences of sin, how effective are David's political strategies in 2 Sam 19-21? How does this show us that David is not the king that Israel ultimately longs for?
6. What do you think of Joab? Was he right to rebuke David for his mourning of Absalom? What about the killing of Amasa? Are we more like Joab than we think? Why?
7. When do you feel most motivated to ask for someone else's forgiveness? To grant someone forgiveness? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness? Who do you need to forgive?
8. What kind of unintended consequences have you experienced because of sin in your life? How does knowing this help you turn away from sin?
9. Out of everything we talked about from God's Word today, what did the Holy Spirit use to speak to you most clearly? Now that He's shown you that, what are you going to do about it?