



Small Group Questions - Week of Sunday, May 12, 2024

2 Samuel 2

Get to know me:

1. If you were to go anywhere in the world today, where would it be and why?

Into the Bible:

Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7

1. What does David's actions of communicating with the Lord reveal to us in regards to his relationship with the Lord?

1. Meditate on and memorize ***Proverbs 15:29***.

2. What other Bible verses come to mind when you think about the topic of prayer?

2. Why did David seek the Lord's guidance before taking his next steps? What does this reveal about his faith?

3. What does the message to the men of Jabesh Gilead reveal about David's character?

Read 2 Samuel 2:8-11

1. Examine the role of Abner in this chapter. Do you think that his allegiance more towards Saul's house, or was it driven by personal ambition?

2. We can presume that Abner knew that David was set to become the next king with how close he was with Saul. If that is the case, why would he push so hard against the God's plan for the nation?

Read 2 Samuel 2:12-17

1. How does the battle at the pool of Gibeon reflect the larger conflict between the house of Saul and the house of David?
2. Read *Matthew 12:25-30*. How does Jesus words to the Pharisees relate to what Abner experienced when going up against God's anointed? (Key: Vs. 30)

Read 2 Samuel 2:18-23

1. What does Asahel's pursuit of Abner reveal about his character and motivations? Was his pursuit of Abner justified?
2. Where was Abner's heart in this matter? What does that reveal about his character and motives?

Read 2 Samuel 2:24-32

1. How would you have advised Abner and Joab to handle their conflict differently?

Application:

1. How can you grow in your own personal prayer life?
2. In what ways can you seek the Lord about the decisions that you make in your life whether big or small?
3. Four common reasons God says "no" in an answer to our prayers. 1) Failure to pray. 2) Unconfessed sin. 3) Wrong motives. 4) unforgiving spirit.
 1. Are you allowing one of these areas to hinder what God is looking to do in and through your life?
4. How can you apply the lesson of leadership, loyalty, and conflict resolution from this chapter in our lives?

Prayer Requests:

1. Prayer for the continual situation with Israel and the Jewish nation.
2. Prayer for the Lord's continued provision and protection.
3. Church supported ministry: Send Hope (Ministry in India)
4. Church Family: Patty Gaston