

2 Samuel 16

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. The office of king is greater than the individual. Herein lies the rub, the LORD appointed David to be Israel's ruler, thus opposing God only leads to ruin. How does this understanding change our interpretation of the imprecatory Psalms (Ps. 55; 59; 69; 79; 109; 137) where David asked God to destroy his enemies? How should we apply Romans 13:1-7?
2. If you need to make a quick decision (see 2 Sam. 16:3), what should you do first (see Neh. 2:4)?
3. What should you do if you find yourself doing things for others or saying things so that they will think highly of you?
4. 2 Samuel 16:21-22 is an example where Satan's activities actually fulfill God's purposes. Consider the following passages and discuss what efforts/instruments Satan used, whom God delivered and how God worked (Gen. 45:4-8a; Mt. 20:18-19; Ac. 2:23; 3:13, 15; 2 Cor. 12:7-10). Share any examples of this from your own life.