

2 Samuel 20:1-26

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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. Sheba is described as a “worthless man” (ie. troublemaker) (v. 1), this is seen by his words and actions (1-2). Why was rejecting David as king such a big deal? What do we learn about the people’s heart toward YHWH? (YHWH had chosen David, and God’s people had a chronic problem with trusting & obeying God)
2. How seriously do you take the authority of Scripture, not just in theory but in practice?
3. Yet again, we read how David’s sin affected others, this time it was the ten women he left to care for the palace (v. 3). How does Christ bring life and restoration to those who have had their lives turned upside down by the sin(s) of others? (see Is. 25:8; 42:1-3; 61:1; Mt. 11:28-30; Lk. 4:17-21)
4. We may be weary of David’s story as he encountered yet another hurdle in his reign. His grip on the throne was plagued by dangers from within and without, without God’s help God has kept him on the throne. Why do we prefer strength and self-reliance over weakness and dependence on God, especially in light of Jesus’ promise in Matthew 16:18?
5. Does David’s long season of suffering resonate with your circumstances? Why does the prosperity/health wealth message have such an appeal even though the Bible is full of examples like David, and even Jesus, who experienced great suffering?
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