

2 Samuel 24

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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. Does God really 'incite' His people to commit offenses? Can being 'incited', whether by God or by Satan, ever be seen as a reason for refusing to take responsibility for our own actions?
2. In what ways might God's displeasure with our behavior, as a believing community or as a society in general, be revealed today? What should we do about it?
3. 'Wrath wrapped in mercy' is a summary of Paul's words in Galatians 3:13, because in Christ's cross the wrath of God against sin is revealed but wrapped in mercy because Jesus died in our place. Describe the gratitude you experience because of this.
4. How significant is it that the last chapter of 2 Samuel makes us think about Calvary? What does that reveal to us about the purpose of God in the Old Testament?
5. Take some time to think about the theme (or themes) of the books of Samuel? Share what lessons you have learned from 2 Samuel.