

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 7

Text

2 Samuel 8

Day 1 - Recall, Read, and Listen

1. Look back to the previous lesson or teaching. Write down a few things you learned from last week. This can include any facts or findings, something taught from the teacher, a life application that challenged you, or anything else related to the study.

2. Read and/or listen to this week's passage twice. If possible, use different translations. I highly recommend having the passage read to you. Many apps, including the Blue Letter Bible, have a feature that will read the Bible to you. Meditate and pray on the passage.

Day 2 - Unleashing the Text

3. How did David fare in his battles with Israel's traditional enemies, the Philistines (8:1)? Look up "Metheg Ammah" in your favorite Bible resource. What city is commonly thought to be associated with this alternate name?

4. How did David ensure the fear and subjection of the Moabites (8:2)? From what king did David capture soldiers, horses, and chariots (8:3–4)? What unusual step did David take when he captured a thousand chariot horses (8:4)?

5. Verse 5 - 14 mention many other conquered nations at the hand of David. List those out here. Mention any spoils along the way acquired by David, if time allows. Also, be sure to check the map at the end of this study. It shows many of David's battles during his reign.

6. What qualities characterized David's reign over the united Israel (8:15)? What leaders were mentioned in the rest of the passage and what responsibility were they given (8:16-18)?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

7. Verse 15 tells us that David administered judgment and justice to all his people. Use your favorite word study tool (<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> is a free resource) and look up the words judgment and justice. Talk about what David was doing with his people based upon what you learn from your word study.

Day 4 - Personal Response

8. In your positions of leadership (whether formal or informal), what can you do to ensure that you are just and right toward the people God has entrusted to you?

Day 5 - Cross Reference

9. Read the passage in 1 Chronicles 6:31-48 which expands upon the leaders David appoints. What type of leaders does David appoint and which line did they descend from? What was their primary responsibility (6:31-32)?

10. The previous answer's "activity" was a major priority for David as he assigned proper leaders whose job was to lead this "activity". Why is this "activity" so important in the church today? Why is it important to choose the right leaders to lead in it?

Day 6 - Closing Thoughts and Reflections

As you've had time to meditate on this week's passage, write down any closing thoughts and/or list ways this passage has challenged you. How are you going to take

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Battles During David's Reign

