

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 2

Text

2 Samuel 2 - 2 Samuel 3:1

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. After David's lamenting in the previous chapter, we see David deciding to take action. What is the first thing the first verse tells us David did with the Lord? What does He ask the Lord? Where did the Lord send David? What happens to David once he gets there?

4. Write down again the location from question number 3. Using your favorite Bible resource, search this location up and note anything you learn below. Why was this city important? Once done, look at Gen 13:18 and Gen 23:2 and write down what you learn.

5. In your own words, explain what happens in verses 8-11. If needed, look at the attached map from that time period to help you understand the geography of Judah and Israel.

6. In verses 12 and 13 we are introduced to the general of Israel and the general of Judah. What are their names? What other information do we find out about the general of Judah in verse 18? Using your favorite Bible tool, look up Zeruiah and how she relates to David and his general. Write that information below.

7. Looking at verses 12 through 3:1, how would you describe the relationship between Judah and Israel?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

8. The first sentence of our passage today tells us that “David inquired of the Lord.” We are going to get a contrast to this in the “Cross Reference” section below, but what can we learn from David as he inquired of the Lord. How did God respond?

Day 4 - Personal Response

9. Have you inquired of the Lord today? Yesterday? This week? As believers, we should be inquiring of the Lord on a daily basis. God wants to hear from you whether big or small. Comment on where you are with this down below. If there is room to improve, write your thoughts on how you’d like to take steps in it. Seek accountability within your group!

Day 5 - Cross Reference - Read 1 Samuel 27:1-7 and answer the following questions.

10. In the beginning of our passage today, David seeks the Lord about him returning to Judah. First, where did David end up as a result of 1 Samuel 27:1-7 that he inquired of the Lord to return in our passage today? Second, What difference do you see at the beginning of each passage before David makes a decision? What can we learn from David here as we make decisions in our own life?

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 the application from Day 5 and make it a tangible application for you? What are some additional things that you'd like to share with your group? These are just a few ideas to jot down as you close out this week.

Notes from the Teaching

Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

