

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 1

Text

2 Samuel 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. 2 Samuel picks up the narrative right after the events of 1 Samuel 31. What significant event happened and what does the first couple verses tell us about David's whereabouts?

4. David is delivered the news about the event from the previous question. Who was the messenger, how was his appearance described, and what details did he tell David about what happened to Saul? Include details through verse 10.

5. What is David and the people's response to the news? What did David do with the messenger upon hearing the story? In your studies from 1 Samuel, does this action by David sound familiar? If so, find a similar story from 1 Samuel and write the verse below.

6. In verse 17, it tells us that David lamented over Saul and Jonathan and quoted the Song of the Bow in the Book of Jasher. Do a search on the Book of Jasher and write below what you learn about it. In reading the song, what sentiment do you feel from David as he laments over Saul and Jonathan?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

7. Look at verses 11 and 12. What can we learn from David and all the men with him when it comes to expressing emotion and grief? Think about Ecclesiastes 3:4 as you write down your response.

8. Verses 14-16 provide for us a situation that can occur after grief...anger. Talk about whether David was justified for killing the messenger for claiming to end Saul's life. What do you think God is trying to teach the reader from these 3 verses, if anything?

Day 4 - Personal Response

9. Think about your response to question 7. How has it challenged you in how you express emotion or grief? Is it less "manly" to do so? Write your thoughts below.

10. Anger, whether justified or sinful, can lead to undesirable or ungodly actions. Think about your own control or struggle with anger, are there shortcomings you must give to the Lord when it comes to this? Has God helped you in taming anger? Either way, share below.

Day 5 - Cross Reference - Read 1 Samuel 31:1-8 and answer the following questions.

11. Read the passage in 1 Samuel 31:1-8 about Saul's death and the account of the messenger from 2 Samuel 1:1-10. There appears to be a contradiction between the accounts. Dig into these passages and provide your thoughts as to why the passages give differing information.

