

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 4

Text

2 Samuel 5

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. We learned last week about the murder of Ishbosheth. What do the tribes of Israel (the northern tribes) do at the beginning of chapter 5? Also read 1 Chronicles 11:1-3. Does 1 Chronicles add anything to this event?

4. Go back to chapter 2. How long was Ishbosheth's reign over Israel? Back to chapter 5, how long was David's reign over Judah? Israel? Where cities did he reign from and how long? Try to piece together David's reign over both Israel and Judah. Feel free to find a chart or graph in your favorite Bible resource to help you.

5. David and his men, starting in verse 6, went to Jerusalem to overtake a Canaanite people called the Jebusites. Look at 1 Chronicles 12:23-40 to see the army David had amassed as a new king. Write down some observations from the 1 Chronicles passage down below.

6. In verse 19, we see that David inquired of the Lord. Summarize what happened in verses 17 -25 in your own words as a result of David's inquiry.

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

7. Two times in verses 17-25, David inquired of the Lord. Look at the two responses that David received from the Lord. One was a definitive 'Yes' and the other was 'No, do it this way instead.' What do you think the Lord was teaching David with both of these responses?

Day 4 - Personal Response

8. In lesson 2, you were asked if you had inquired of the Lord today, yesterday, or even this week. Based on how the last two weeks have gone with 'inquiring of the Lord', write an encouraging statement to continue inquiring of the Lord or to start doing it today. Write your statement below. Be sure to share with your share for accountability.

Day 5 - Cross Reference

9. Read the passage in 1 Chronicles 11:4-9 which gives additional details for our passage this week in 2 Samuel 5:6-12. What additional information is given in the 1 Chronicles passage? Verse 6 zeroes in on a few names (Joab and Zeruiah). Through your own research or by using the charts provided at the end of lesson 3, identify these two individuals and their relation to David.

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:** _____

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