

## **Outline: The Book of 2 Samuel**

### **I. The Victories of David (1-10)**

- A. David mourns the passing of Saul and Jonathan (1)**
- B. David—king over Judah (2)**
- C. Civil War (3)**
- D. Ish-bosheth is killed (4)**
- E. David moves the capital to Jerusalem and serves as king over all of Israel (5).**
- F. David attempts to move the ark to Jerusalem (6)**
- G. God makes a covenant to build the house of David (7).**
- H. The consolidation of the Davidic kingdom (8)**
- I. David demonstrates love toward Mephibosheth (9).**
- J. David fights Ammon and Syria (10)**

### **II. The Challenges of David (11-24)**

- A. The sins of David (11)**
- B. Nathan confronts David (12)**
- C. Tamar is raped by Amnon then he is murdered by Absalom (13).**
- D. Absalom returns (14).**

- E.** Absalom rebels (15).
- F.** David is deceived and cursed (16).
- G.** Disagreement among Absalom's advisers (17)
- H.** David mourns the slaying of Absalom (18).
- I.** David is restored (19).
- J.** The revolt of Sheba (20).
- K.** Famine and war (21)
- L.** David's song of deliverance (18 & 22)
- M.** David's final words (23)
- N.** David enlists the fighting men (24)

## **Discussion Questions: 2 Samuel**

### **The Victories of David (1-10)**

1. Why does David mourn over the death of Saul (1)?
2. What can we learn about his personal character and his respect for spiritual authority from his lamenting (1)?
3. Why is David anointed a second time in 2 Sam. 2:4 when he had already been anointed 1 Sam. 16:13?

4. What can we learn about God's holiness, righteousness, and justice from Uzzah (6)?
5. Why did David desire to build a permanent house for the LORD God (7)?
6. Why did God not let David build the temple (2 Sam. 7:5-7; 1 Chron. 22:8)?

## **The Challenges of David (11-24)**

1. What can we learn about sin and the immediate consequences of sin (discipline) from David's adultery, deceit, and murder (11-12)?
2. What can we learn about demonstrating mercy and justice in the process of reconciling with those who have offended (hurt) us (14)?
3. After reading chapter 16, think of a time when you had to discern what felt right and what you believed to be God's plan. How did you respond, and why?
4. How did David's public intense mourning of Absalom impact his ability to lead effectively (19)? What does this teach us about balancing our personal emotions and our professional responsibilities?
5. What is significant about the last words of David, and what can we learn from them (23)?