
Week 9 (3/25) - 2 Samuel 19–20

1. In chapter 19, David's kingship seems secure (19:22). What are some signs that all is not well with his kingdom, even as he returns in triumph to Jerusalem?
2. What should we make of David's treatment of (and the varying responses to David by) Amasa, Shimei, Mephibosheth (and Ziba), and Barzillai in chapter 19? Are there any lessons for us there?
3. David (briefly) removed Joab from leading his armies. Sheba's rebellion provided an opportunity for Joab to move up again, and he callously kills to get what he wants. What can we learn from the contrast between Joab's conniving and the peaceable and faithful woman's wisdom in chapter 20?
4. 20:23–26 echoes the summary found in 8:15–18. What are some important similarities and differences between the two summaries?
5. How do these chapters cause us to long for the King to come who will always judge rightly and act righteously?