



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 2 Samuel 15 together.
- 3) There's a lot going on in this chapter. As a group, recount what has happened. What are the big facts / movements in this story in chapter 15?
- 4) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 5) In this story, Absalom is playing the part of an evil politician. The text says that "Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel" (v. 6). Have you ever known someone who seemed to be a good person, but who was secretly up to no good? How do you tend to respond to people like this?
- 6) In verse 19, we're introduced to a man named Ittai the Hittite. Ittai shows great devotion and faithfulness to David. Who are the people in your life who are devoted and faithful to you? Why is it so important to have friends like this?
- 7) The writer of 2nd Samuel seems to be intentionally contrasting the treachery of Absalom and Ahithophel with the faithfulness of Ittai. What makes a person like an Ittai rather than like Absalom or Ahithophel?
- 8) How do we witness David's faith in God in this chapter?
- 9) God seems to respond to David's faith by sending someone who will be his spy on Absalom. Can you recall surprising ways in which God has answered your prayers?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

* Some of these questions were taken from: Dale Ralph Davis, [2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity](#), Focus on the Bible Commentary (Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications, 2002), 197.