

# king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 27, 2019

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus Christ is the greater and ultimate Son of David who was hated and rejected and suffered a humiliating death on the cross in our place, so that we would be redeemed from sin and experience abundant life in his glorious, eternal kingdom.

**This Week's Text:** 2 Samuel 15

"O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God. *Selah*

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people! *Selah*" **Psalm 3**

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned so far from our study of 1 and 2 Samuel?
- Briefly recount the events of 2 Samuel 13-14. How did Absalom wind up back in Jerusalem? What's the status of his relationship with his father David?
- What is Absalom conspiring against David? What's was his strategy?
- Contrast the world's definition of greatness with Jesus' teaching about greatness in the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:24-27). What unhealthy, worldly ambitions are distracting you from loving God and loving people? Discuss how good desires can turn sour when pursued at another's expense, with the wrong motives, or for the wrong reasons.
- Like the people of Israel in this chapter, why are we often captivated by outward appearances (Luke 20:46)?
- Do you think David was ignorant of Absalom's mischief? If not, why didn't he step in? Discuss the danger of apathy and inaction, especially in the face of obstinate rebellion.
- What tall-tale did Absalom use to deceive David? Have you ever played the "religious card" to deceive others into getting what you want (James 3:13)?

- How does David's flight evidence his love for those under his care? What did God send David at just the right time (verse 15)? Do you look for ways to regularly encourage others?
- Why did David order the return of the ark to Jerusalem? Where did David turn for help at this dark time in his life (Psalm 3)? How can we, like David, maintain a rigorous faith in God's sovereignty and good providence in the midst of trials and suffering (Psalm 3:5)?
- Where else do we read of someone crossing the Kidron and ascending the Mount of Olives to pray? Discuss how David is the greater and ultimate Son of David who was rejected, hated, and suffered in our place to redeem sinners.
- Share how this passage drives you to the good news of Jesus Christ. How does this passage encourage you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence?