

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**II SAMUEL 3:1 – 5:25, 23:13-17**

Day 1 – Read II Samuel 3:1 – 5:25, 23:13-17

\*Note – Chapters 21-24 of II Samuel are considered appendices to Chapters 1-20. As much as possible in this study, the material will be placed in the correct chronology.

1. What part of the lecture on II Samuel 1:1 – 2:32 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review II Samuel 3:1-19. Also read I Chronicles 3:1-9

2. Many of David's wives as listed in II Samuel 3:2-5, 5:13-16 and I Chronicles 3:1-9 were from different areas and one the daughter of a king. What might have been David's motive in these relationships?

3. a. What does God say concerning this in Deuteronomy 17:14-17?

b. What reason is given in Deuteronomy 17:17?

c. What do you think this means?

4. Are there alliances you have made which might turn your heart from God? Explain.

5. What two things might Abner have considered in deciding to change his allegiance from the house of Saul to the house of David? See vs. 1, 8.

6. What was David's response when Abner came with the idea of a covenant?
7. Why do you think David wanted Michal?
8. Of what did Abner remind the elders in verse 18?

### Day 3 – Review II Samuel 3:20-39

9. When Abner left David in vs. 21, what was he going to do?
10. Joab couldn't accept the covenant between David and Abner. What reasons did Joab give for Abner's coming?
11. What action did Joab take against Abner?
12. What was Joab's real reason for not accepting Abner? Vs. 27, 30.
13. How did David's response to Abner's death affect the attitude of all Israel toward David?
14. (In-depth) Consider the attitudes and actions of the three men involved in this section; Abner, David and Joab. What correlation, if any, do you see between them and the three men in the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32?

### Day 4 – Review II Samuel 4:1-12

15. How did Ishbosheth and all Israel respond to Abner's death?

16. What other relative of Saul was mentioned in verse 4? What was his name and his condition?

17. a. What did Baanah and Rechab, two of Ishbosheth's men do?

b. Why did they do it?

18. What was David's response?

19. When Saul was killed, his death was claimed by the Amalekite (1:10), Abner was killed by Joab (3:27), and Ishbosheth was killed by his own men (4:8). What was the motive of each?

20. What was David's view of their actions to remove his "enemies?"

21. From verse 9, to whom does David give the praise and seek for deliverance from his enemies?

Day 5 – Review II Samuel 5:1-25. Read also I Chronicles 11:1-9, 12:23-40, 14:1-17

22. a. What authority did the Israelites recognize God had given David in verse 5:2?

b. What difference do you see in the words "shepherd" (feed my people) and ruler (captain)? See Psalm 78:70-72.

23. David moved his headquarters from Hebron to Jerusalem. From this time on Jerusalem is the capital of the Israel nation. From these Scriptures, give other names and/or events associated with this city.

- a. II Samuel 5:7
- b. Psalm 48:1, 2
- c. Psalm 125
- d. Jeremiah 3:17
- e. Isaiah 2:1-4
- f. Luke 23:26-33
- g. John 12:12-13
- h. Revelation 21:14

24. How did the King of Tyre react to David's new kingship?

25. How did the Philistines react to David's new kingship?

26. In verse 25, what was the final result of their reaction?

27. Read II Samuel 5:18, 23:13-17; I Chronicles 11:15-19, 14:9. Why do you think David would not drink the water?