

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. In 2 Samuel 2:1-11, we observe two vastly different responses to circumstances: David would make no move until He received guidance from the Lord (2:1-4a), whereas Abner opposed God and established a kingdom on human ambition (2:8-9, 12 cf. 3:9-10, 17-19). What's your tendency when faced with trying circumstances and difficult decisions? Where can we find God's guidance? Why should knowing God's will and choosing to disobey it, be a warning to us? Can you think of other examples of this in Scripture?
2. David recognized and honored the men of Jabesh-gilead for their loyal love towards Saul (vv. 4b-7). How do we tend to respond to the "small things" that others do? Affirm or overlook? Are there any other passages of scripture that come to mind either as a positive or as a rebuke?
3. We may get discouraged in our labors for Christ and His Church (Gal. 6:9a) so how might the certainty of Christ's return & kingdom encourage us and others to be faithful and serve with joy (Dan. 2:35; Gal. 6:9b-10)?