

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY 10/24/12

- 1. ABSALOM STOLE THE HEARTS OF THE MEN OF ISRAEL (2 SAMUEL 15:1-6). HOW DID ABSALOM STEAL THE PEOPLE'S HEARTS? WHY WERE HIS ACTIONS WRONG?**

- 2. NOTE THAT DAVID CROSSED THE BROOK KIDRON IN THE KIDRON VALLEY (15:23) ON ONE OF THE SADDEST NIGHTS OF HIS LIFE. JOHN 18:1 TELLS OF ANOTHER CROSSING THERE ON ANOTHER SAD NIGHT. HOW ARE CROSSINGS ALIKE? DIFFERENT?**

- 3. AFTER ALL THE REJECTION AND ILL-USE DAVID HAD ENDURED AT THE HAND OF HIS SON ABSALOM, DAVID BITTERLY MOURNS HIS REBELLIOUS SON'S DEATH, "O MY SON ABSALOM! MY SON, MY SON ABSALOM! IF ONLY I HAD DIED INSTEAD OF YOU- O ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON" (2 SAMUEL 18:33)! IN WHAT WAY DOES DAVID'S LOVE FOR ABSALOM REMIND US OF THE LOVE OF GOD FOR US?**

- 4. JOAB HELPS DAVID TO SEE THE INAPPROPRIATENESS OF HIS BEHAVIOR IN THE FACE OF THOSE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO SAVE DAVID AND HIS FAMILY. JOAB CHIDES, "YOU LOVE THOSE WHO HATE YOU AND HATE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU" (2 SAMUEL 19:6). WHEN HAVE YOU BEHAVED AS DAVID DID?**

- 5. WHAT IS THE THEME OF DAVID'S SONG OF PRAISE, RECORDED IN 2 SAMUEL 22? FROM WHAT HAS GOD DELIVERED YOU?**

- 6. ACCORDING TO 2 SAMUEL 23:5, WHY CAN DAVID REST SECURE?**

- 7. BY GOD'S GRACE, DAVID WAS ABLE TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. EXPLAIN HIS WORDS IN 2 SAMUEL 24:14.**