

## 1 & 2 SAMUEL STUDY SERIES

# Just What We Weren't Expecting!

Week of February 15: 1 Samuel 31 - 2 Samuel 2:7

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## Observation

1. Divide up the text among your Connection Group. Depending on the size of your group, assign 2 to 3 people to focus on 1 Samuel 31, another group to focus on 2 Samuel 1:1-27, and another group to look at 2 Samuel 2:1-7. Each person should read their part of the passage silently to themselves.
  
2. When everyone is finished reading, have each group:
  - i. Re-tell what happened in their part of the passage;
  - ii. Share anything they found surprising;
  - iii. Share any questions they have.

### **Observation: What does it say?**

1. What do you notice about the text?  
Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
  
2. What questions do you have?

# Interpretation

1. How do you reconcile the account of Saul's death in 1 Samuel 31, and in 2 Samuel 1:1-15.

What do you think is going on here?

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2. How do you explain David's attitude to Saul's death?

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## **Interpretation**

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

## Application

1. What might these passages tell us about how God's Kingdom comes in our midst?
2. Think back on all the studies we've done out of 1 Samuel. What has been your biggest take-away from this series so far? What larger themes have stood out to you?

## Suggestion for Prayer

Pray for each other, for God's help in living out what he has been teaching each of you in the study of 1 Samuel.