

Taking Action

Week of February 22: 2 Samuel 5

Observation

1. Read 2 Samuel chapter 5. Either have people read it on their own, or read it out loud as a group. What stands out to you as you read?
2. How many times is 'the Lord' mentioned in the text? What do you notice about God's role in the events of this passage?

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 does David establish his rule in this passage? Why might these particular steps be important?

2. God's response to David in Chapter 5 is quite different from his response to Saul in 1 Samuel 28:6. Why do you think that God responds differently?

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. In our own lives, how do we determine if the actions we plan to take are in line with God's will?
2. Can you think of a time when God's presence or work in your life was very evident? What made it so clear that God was at work? Share if you would like to.

Suggestion for Prayer

Ask God that we would grow in discernment of his will in all areas of our lives. Pray for any particular requests for the coming week.