

Foundations for Sin

Week of April 19: 2 Samuel 10

Observation

1. Read 2 Samuel 10. What do you notice as you read?

2. What questions do you 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. The action in verse 4 would have been an insult to this delegation, but also an insult to David himself whom they represented. Do you think that David could have reacted differently? Why or why not?

2. Chapter 10 can be viewed as a linking text between what came before and what comes next in Chapter 11. How do the events of Chapter 10 link with what came before in Chapter 9? How might they set the stage for what is to take place in chapter 11 (see verses 1-2 of Chapter 11)?

3. How do you think that the events of chapter 10 might have shaped David?

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. How might wrong choices that we make be the fruit of events or decisions in our past?
2. Christian discipleship might be described in terms of the direction in which we are heading - whether we are moving towards Jesus or away from him. In your own life how do you determine in which direction you are heading?

Suggestion for Prayer

Pray using the acronym ACTS:

- **Adoration:** Praise God for who he is.
- **Confession:** Allow space for people to ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind any sin in their lives. Any ways they have lived that is not glorifying to God. Have them silently confess this to him in prayer.
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for the specific good he has done for you in the past weeks.
- **Supplication:** Spend time praying for each other's needs.