

NOW DO IT!

2 Samuel 2:8-3:21

Key verse: 18

Discussion questions:

- What are some reasons why small issues transform into major ones and bitter ends?
- How does the Lord work help us to realise and accept God's promise?

Inductive study questions:

1. After David became king of Judah, how did Ish-Bosheth become king of Israel? (2:8-9) Why did Abner do this? (2:8a; 1Sa 14:50-51; 17:55) How long did Ish-Bosheth and David each reign? (2:10-11)
2. Where did their first encounter take place? (2:12-13) What did Abner suggest to do, and what happened? (2:14-17) What is the tragedy about such a battle?
3. How did Joab's brother Asahel die? (2:18-23) How did Abner and Joab bring a stop to the battle? (2:24-29) What were the results? (2:30-3:1) How did the sons born to David in Hebron illustrate the strengthening of his kingdom? (3:2-5)
4. What drove Abner to transfer the kingdom to David? (3:6-11) On what basis did he do this? (3:9) At this time, what was the broader significance of David's bringing Saul's daughter Michal back as his wife? (3:12-16) How did Abner prepare for David to become king of Israel, and how did David respond? (3:17-21)