

DAVID BECOMES KING OVER ISRAEL

2 Samuel 3:22-5:5

Key verse 5:2

Discussion questions:

- What elements of David can you see in this passage that show the parallel perfect ruler Jesus?

Inductive study questions:

1. Read verses 3:22-27. Why did Abner visit David and how did David respond? How did Joab misrepresent Abner's intention? Under what circumstances did Joab murder Abner? How did he undermine David's good will? How did it endanger the unity of Israel?
2. Read verses 3:28-39. What did David make clear about himself and his kingdom? What kind of judgment he made concerning Joab? How did David have his people mourn? How does it reflect God's heart about this incident? How did he extol Abner? How did David's action impress the people? How Joab and Abishai too strong for David?
3. Read chapter 4. How the death of Abner impact Ish-Bosheth and all Israel? How did Bannah and Rekab think they could serve David's interests? What does David's response show about him?
4. Read verses 5:1-5. With what conviction people of Israel approach David? How had God alone brought about David's kingship? How long did David reign?