

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Fourteen: 1 Samuel 31

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1. a) Describe the climate of the battle as given in 31:1-3.

b) Who seems to have the advantage and give reasons why you think so.
2. Why did Saul want his armor bearer to run him through?
3. Why do you think the armor bearer killed himself instead of fleeing after Saul killed himself?
4. What was the outcome for the Israeli towns after Saul died?
5. a) What did the Philistines do to Saul and his sons' bodies?

b) Why do you think they did this?
6. a) Who were the people of Jabesh Gilead?

b) Why do you think they risked their lives to recover Saul and his sons' bodies?

7. a) Describe Jonathan's character as you reflect back over all of I Samuel.

b) Why do you think he was with his father and not with David?
8. Contrast the earthly with the biblical perspective of power and success for these 5 major characters of I Samuel—Hannah, Samuel, Saul, Jonathan and David.
9. List as many of the choices Saul made since chapter 9 that led to his destruction.

Going Deeper:

10. a) Write what you think people would say about you if you died.

b) Write what you'd want them to say and why.