

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 Twenty One: 2 Samuel 15–16

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1. Name as many activities and images expressed by Absalom in 15:1–12 that would be undermining to the kingship of David. Be very specific.

2. a) Absalom claimed he had to fulfill a vow in 15:7-8. Do you believe this? Why or why not?

b) Have you ever used your faith or religion for an evil purpose? Share how.

3. Do you think Absalom had any justification for assuming some of David's responsibilities? Why or why not? (You may use previous passages to support your answer).

4. a) How did David respond to the news of Absalom's naming himself as King in Hebron?

b) Is this the response you expected from David? Why or why not?

c) Describe your strategy if this had happened to you. Be honest.

5. Was David entirely abandoned? Name those who followed him and who they were to him.

6. David sends infiltrators into Absalom's quarters in 15:27–28 and 32–36. Do you think David was right or wrong to do this? Give reasons for your answers.

7. Give the reasons why Shimei cursed David in 16:5–15. Were they valid reasons and prove why or why not?

Going Deeper:

8. a) Have you ever had someone like Shimei come up against you like he did David?
- b) Share how David responded to Shimei.
- c) Then share how you responded to your similar situation.
- d) What lesson does David's response teach you that you will remember the next time you are attacked by someone?
9. If you had to write a 10 word sentence (no longer) that expressed the central theme of this week's lesson, what would your sentence be?