

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 Two: 2 Samuel 17–18

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1. a) Describe the two different views given to Absalom regarding defeating David in 17:1-13.

b) Which sounds the best to you and why?

2. Whose advice did Absalom take and why?

3. a) How did God protect David from Absalom through ch. 17 and 18?

b) Share about a time you have helped protect God's cause.

4. What was David's plan for fighting against Absalom in 18:1-2?

5. a) How did David's plan get changed in 18:3-4?

b) Do you think this is a good change? Why or why not?

6. a) What was the one command David gave his 3 commanders before the battle?

b) Share if you think this was a good command and why or why not.

7. Who disobeyed this command and describe how?

8. What details about Absalom's death do you find interesting?

Going Deeper:

9. a) Why do you think Ahimaaz side-stepped the full truth of Absalom's death to David?

b) Do you think this was wrong on Ahimaaz's part and why or why not?

10. Tell of a time you've had to share a hard truth and how fully you presented it.

11. Have you ever shared a grief as deep as David's over the death of his son? How did you come out of that grief?