

# Growth Group Questions: 2 Samuel 20

## Warm Up:

- What are some major/minor divides in the church today? And, how must it look to the world? Should we be concerned about how the world views the church?

## Questions from sermon/text:

- Read 20:23-36 as well as 8:15-18 what are the clear differences and similarities? Why are these distinctions important?
- Read chapter 19:41-43. What is happening in this scene right before Sheba speaks? Why is this scene important to have in mind when Sheba begins to speak?
- Sheba is an example of one way to rebel, complete rejection of God's anointed King, what are some ways we see this in the church and world today?
- Joab is another example, though more subtle, of rebelling. How does Joab rebel in chapter 20? What are some ways we see this in the church?
- Why might the "wise woman's" wisdom at the city of Abel not be a Godly wisdom but just a worldly wisdom?
- How come Joab had no interest in destroying the city?
- Joab ultimately gets what he wants, his power and authority back (19:13), even more so ("all") how did he get it?
- How does this story connect with the story of the prodigal son? Does Joab actually love David? Why or why not?
- Joab and Sheba do the same thing they say **Shove off God I'm in charge Not you.** How do we tend to do this in our daily lives?
- If David's return did not bring about unity how will Christ's return be any different? How can we begin to represent his future kingdom now?
- **Bonus:** look at v. 3 what are some clear similarities between David's home life and the kingdom?

