



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Weeping & Warring (2 Samuel 1-2)**

**How the mighty have fallen**

**How the schemes of men continue**

**How the Kingdom of God grows**

## **Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection**

In November, we left our series in David at 1 Samuel 30, where David finally got back on track with God, and discovered God's faithfulness.

- ? Looking back at the past year, how has God been faithful to you?
- ? How are you feeling as you enter this new year? Be honest!

### **How the mighty have fallen**

Read 2 Samuel 1.

Why didn't David jump for joy at hearing that Saul had died?

Why was David so concerned with doing things God's way regarding him taking the throne? What can it teach us about honouring God?

Whilst God must judge evil, why does he "take no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11)? When we consider evil regimes being toppled, what should be our godly attitude?

### **How the schemes of men continue**

Read 2 Samuel 2:1-11 & 3:1.

Why did Abner set up Ish-Bosheth as King over Israel, when he knew full well that God had anointed David as was promised (2 Samuel 3:9-10)?

How did the Pharisees scheming against Jesus end up causing the salvation of the world??

What do these things show us about the scheming of men compared with the power of God!

### **How the Kingdom of God grows**

Read 2 Samuel 2:4 again.

How do we see the partial fulfilment of God's promise to David here?

When Jesus described the Kingdom of God being like a mustard seed (Mark 4:30), what do you think he meant?

When we pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," what are we hoping for, and when will this be completed?