

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for October 29, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### God's King & Man's Politics 2 Samuel 2:1 -32

Frequently in the Psalms David declares to God *"I will wait for you"* and testifies to others *"For God alone my soul waits"*. Waiting on God is a distinguishing characteristic of David. In 2 Samuel 2, after waiting many years (commentators say between 15-20), David seems to finally have a clear path to the throne he was promised. Yet rather than presumptively rushing in, David prayerfully and patiently waits for God's direction. When that direction is clear, he graciously and wisely moves forward. In this passage, David will be publicly declared king over the southern tribe of Israel, and even in this limited capacity, he demonstrates kingly characteristics like kindness, sensitivity, and savvy.

In stark contrast to David, we also see in this chapter the consequences of politics and power-hungry ambition. David will reign over a united Israel, but that is still a few years away, and the journey there will be filled with violence, betrayal, and heartache. 2 Samuel 2 is a foretaste of that difficulty.

In this chapter, we can see how we wait, how politics and selfish ambition divide us, and how a heart for God's kingdom keeps us focused.

What it looks like to wait on our King:

What happens when we choose a different king:

What applications we can take from God's Word today:

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## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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#### OCTOBER

**TONIGHT: Fall Family Festival 5pm-7pm**

#### NOVEMBER

4 TL Hiking @ Eno / AHG OCC Packing Party

**5 Operation Christmas Shoeboxes DUE**

6-7 NC Baptists Annual Meeting (GSO)

13-15 NC Baptist Ministry Assistant's Conf.

16 Red Cross Blood Drive - 10:30am-3:00pm

20 GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30pm

21 Thanksgiving Service @ 7:00pm

23-24 Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed