

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



Worship Guide for March 3, 2024

## Sermon Notes

Tragedy or Triumph? Yes!  
2 Samuel 17:1 – 19:8

### 4 Foundational Considerations:

- Consideration 1. The Covenant Promise of God (2 Sam. 7)
- Consideration 2. The Righteous Judgment of God (2 Sam. 12: 10-11)
- Consideration 3. The Violent Rebellion Against God (John 10:11a)
- Consideration 4. The Gracious Provision of God (John 10:11b)

### 3 Textual Questions:

Question 1: Who's in charge here? (2 Sam 17)

The Answer: *For the Lord had ordained...*

Question 2: Who are the winners & losers here? (2 Sam 18:1-30)

The Answer: *....he took three javelins in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.*

Question 3: What should be the response here? (2 Sam 18:31 – 19:8)

The Answer: *"Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you" .....And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept.*

### 3 Practical Applications:

In David's Greater Son there is refuge and grace available for rebels (Psalm 2:12, Luke 15:20)

The pain and grief of sin is all too real; there is only one place of certain comfort (2 Cor 1:3;ff)

We have the instruction & wisdom we need in this messy complicated world (Ps 119:105, 130)

## 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:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### MARCH

10 Daylight Saving Time begins  
14 Life Choices Banquet  
15-17 TL Campout @ Falls Lake  
20 Member's Meeting @ 6:30pm  
21 Blood Drive - 10:30am-3pm  
28 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm  
29 Good Friday - Church Office Closed  
31 Sunrise Service @ Hyco @ 6:30am  
31 Fellowship Breakfast @ 9am  
31 Easter Worship Service @ 10am