

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series      **Crossroads**  
Sermon Title      The Already and Not-Yet King  
Bible Texts      2 Samuel 2:1-7  
Date      January 7, 2024

### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

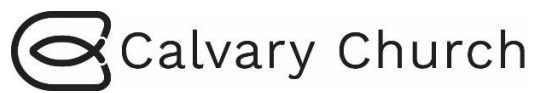
- Question 1:    Decision time—do I take this job, go to this school, marry this person, go this party? What do you do and where do you go to make decisions?
- Question 2:    When someone is kind to you, do you automatically feel grateful?

### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

David and his men were living in Ziklag, a Philistine town. The Amalekites to the south of Judah had been raiding villages in Judah for years. But when they raided Ziklag, David pursued and plundered them. But David was generous with that plunder—he knew it was God's victory, so he sent gifts to the leaders of Judah who had also suffered from Amalekite raids.

Then David learned that king Saul had died in battle, and he realized that both he and all of Israel were now at a crossroad.

- Question 3:    Saul is dead, now what? How does David decide his next step?
- Question 4:    What can we learn about David's character as he, his family, his soldiers, and their families all settle peacefully in Hebron?
- Question 5:    Does God answer and guide us today? How?
- Question 6:    By obeying God, how was David blessed?
- Question 7:    What did David learn about the men of Jabesh Gilead?
- Question 8:    David was grateful that that Saul had a proper burial. What does that show us about David?
- Question 9:    What was David's first use of power as king?
- Question 10:    Why was showing kindness to Saul important to David?
- Question 11:    The men from Jabesh Gilead were Israelites and had been loyal to Saul. Why was David's positive interaction with them vital?
- Question 12:    Is kindness important in a Christian's life? (Galatians 5:22, 23) Why?
- Question 13:    What was David's blessing and promise to the men of Jabesh Gilead?
- Question 14:    Why does David urge them to be strong and brave?



### DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 15: Reflect on your current method of decision making. In what ways do you intentionally seek to learn God's will for the decision?

Question 16: How will you practice gratitude this year?

Question 17: David needed God's guidance to be a good leader. Remember to pray for those in leadership roles that they will sincerely seek God's guidance for their decisions.