Small Group Questions — 2 Samuel 2:12–3:1 2/18/2024

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1. How does the rivalry between Abner and Joab escalate from a small competition to a full-blown civil war? What do you think drives the escalation?

2. How did the death of all 24 combatants affect the people of the story? What should it teach us as readers?

3. Is division in a church always bad? Should Christians ever “go to battle” against each other?

4. Every member of our church promises to “work and pray for unity and peace with one another by the power of the Holy Spirit.” What does James 3:16–18 (or any other Bible passage) teach us about how to do that work?