1. What can we learn about the relationship between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility in this chapter?

2. How do we see David's meekness on display and contrasted with Absalom's arrogance?

3. Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree (Deut. 21:22; Gal. 3:13). Why is Absalom being cursed by God?

4. Why is David's command to deal gently with Absalom problematic?

5. What do we learn about our own death by observing the two memorials for Absalom?