1. David recognized that he was exalted for the sake of God's people. Why are we prone to think following God's king brings restriction rather than blessing?

2. How does the blessings brought by Hiram, and even the many wives of verses 13–15, parallel the kinds of blessing that Christians experience through our king?

3. How are David's continual efforts to inquire of the Lord both instructive for us and a picture of the perfect relationship between Christ and the Father?

4. One scholar wrote, "the proclamation of Christ as victor continues to be a significant part of the good news Christians proclaim to the world." Why is "Victory in Jesus" part of the good news of the gospel?