



Dealing with Divisive People

2 Samuel 15-18

As a Life Group:

1. Pray for one another.
2. Pray for those who don't know Christ by name.
3. Ask each other: "What has God done in your life this week?"
4. Ask each other: "What has God taught you this week?"
5. Ask each other: "Have you shared Jesus with anyone this week?"
6. How can you serve together as a group?

1. Have you ever dealt with someone (in your personal life, work life, church life, etc) that seemed to have the "unspiritual gift" of divisiveness? Share about that experience.
2. People who are divisive seem to be characterized by—being driven by **personal agenda** (they want what *they* want and will stop at nothing to get it), using **personal attacks**, and holding **personal animosity** against people. Absalom certainly displayed these characteristics. How have you seen them in people who are divisive?
3. David did not seem to be interested in snuffing out Absalom's divisiveness when it started. Unfortunately, his agenda and rebellion spread quickly. How have you seen a lack of addressing problematic issues in someone's life spread like a cancer through other people's lives and creating a bigger problem?
4. Maybe you have been caught up in a divisive situation. Did you seek wise counsel and, if so, what was the advice you were given?
5. Looking back (or maybe currently), how would you have handled the situation differently?
6. Sadly, Absalom and David's story ended tragically. How can these divisive situations be resolved and how can the gospel be on display in the lives of each person involved?