



Community Group Study: How the Mighty Have Fallen
1 Samuel 31:1 - 2 Samuel 1:27 | week of August 25

GETTING STARTED

- If you had to choose the manner of your own death, would you choose: 1) a long, slow, but painful death at an old age, or 2) a sudden, unexpected, but painless death at a young age? Why?

Read 1 Samuel 31:1 - 2 Samuel 1:27.

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Saul has been the architect of his own downfall throughout his reign. How is the manner of his death a fitting end for him?
- How does the Amalekite's account of Saul's death (2 Sam 1:6-10) vary from the narrator's account (1 Sam 31:3-5)? How do you explain this discrepancy?
- What is ironic (or unexpected) about this Amalekite's statement to David (See 1 Sam 24; 26)?
- What is ironic about the fact that this man is an Amalekite to begin with (see 1 Sam 15)?

- What portions of David's lament for Saul and Jonathan (2 Sam 1:17-27) echo or reflect the major themes of 1 Samuel?

- How does the history of Saul and David show you:
 - How you are tempted to choose the wrong kind of ruler?

 - How great it is to live under the rule of God's chosen King?

 - How to respond to difficulty as David did?

- How does the history of Saul and David show you the way God's Kingdom *works*? What difference does that make in your life?

NEXT STEPS

- Philippians 2:6-11.

FOR NEXT TIME

- Psalm 19.