Lesson 9  
We Three Kings

DAY ONE: Read 1 Samuel 26:1-25

1. Write down some of the similarities you see in David’s actions here with the En Gedi story in 1 Samuel 24.

2. What are similarities in Saul’s response?

3. Read 1 Samuel 27:1-6. What was David’s reasoning to return to Gath? How long was he there?

DAY TWO: Read 1 Samuel 30:1-31

4. After a long journey, David reached his temporary home of Ziklag, what new things happened that brought more trouble to his life? v.1-6

5. What are some truths about or characteristics of God which would have strengthened his spirit?

6. After an Egyptian helps them locate the raiding party and all their possessions, what actions does David take in v. 21-31? What can we learn from this?

DAY THREE: Read 1 Samuel 31:1-11 - 2 Samuel 1:1-27

7. What was the outcome of the battle of Mt. Gilboa?

8. What was the other account given to David of how Saul died?

9. Which of the two accounts do you think is true and why?

10. What tribute does David pay to Jonathan in v. 19-27?

Psalm 103:9  He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
11. What is remarkable about David's tribute to Saul in those same verses? What can you learn from this?

**DAY FOUR and DAY FIVE: Portions of 2 Samuel 2:1 - 4:12**

12. Read 2 Samuel 2:1-11. What details are given in explaining the two kingdoms and their civil war?

13. What was one of the first acts that David does after becoming King of Judah and why? v.4-7

14. The feud of the house of Saul (Abner, Ish-bosheth) and the house of David (brothers - Joab, Abishai, Asahel) escalates after what event in 2 Samuel 2:18-23?

15. Read 2 Samuel 3:6-12. What situation caused Abner to decide to initiate a peace treaty between Israel and David?

16. In 2 Samuel 3:13-16, what is the significance of David's request for the return of Michal?


18. Why do you think David acted the way he did after Abner's death? v.28-36


20. Think back on the experiences David had during his waiting and wilderness years. What are some of the things he has been learning or demonstrating that have been particularly meaningful to you. Why?