
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 19

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever worked out your differences with someone and decided to accept each other? Explain the process you went through to do that.

- b. How long can you successfully avoid someone you have a problem with? Is it easier to live with that awkwardness or to work things out and try to get along? Why?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

The Situation: The war is over and it's time for David to bring reconciliation and healing to his nation.

Why do you think someone had to tell king David to stop crying and go back home and bring his nation back together? Which do you think is harder: lose a rebellious son or have trusted friends betray you and fight against you? Why?

How much do you think this whole situation is part of the curse God put on David for his mistake with Bathsheba and how much do you think it was just selfish people trying to get power and control?

Do you think that part of the reason David was just sitting there crying was because he felt guilty for bringing the curse on his nation? Why/why not?

Was this “curse” from God really some kind of supernatural condemnation or is the “curse” really just God predicting the natural results of this type of sin? Why do you think that is?

 **3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

- a. Spend some time thinking about all the cause and effect relationships in your life. Make a list of the top 5 most important.
- b. What do you think you can do to “cause” better effects in your life? Make a list of the top 5 things you would like to do to cause better effects in your life.
- c. Think about your devotional life. What effect does spending time with Jesus every day have in your life? What effect does skipping or forgetting your devotions have in your life? Make a promise to Jesus of how you’d like to improve your time with Him. Write your commitment down and post it somewhere that is easy for you to see.

 **4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray and ask Jesus to help you remember to take control of your life every day and then give that control to Him. Ask Jesus to help you not sit idly by while others control you and influence you to do what they want you to do.