

Don't Despise the Day of Small Beginnings (2 Samuel 2: 1-11)

- Jesus said: “Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—encompass the world”
- It is not hard to underestimate the kingdom of God & even despise it
- This is what we see with David – he is only recognized as king by Judah

I. God's Kingdom Founded on Divine Guidance (2:1-4a)

- David makes no move without seeking God's wisdom (1 Sam 23:6-14)

II. Extending the Kingdom with Captivating Appeal (2:4-7)

- a. Gratitude: 2:5b
- b. Proposal: 2:6
- c. Invitation 2:7

III. Opposing the Kingdom by Stubborn Defiance (2:8-11)

Vs 11 David...king in Hebron over the house of Judah, 7 years & 6 months

The Prevailing Power of God's Kingdom Promise (2 Samuel 2:12-3:39)

1. Hebron – Kingship 2: 1-7
2. Ishbosheth- installed, 2:8-11
3. Abner's militarism & its failure, 2:12-32
4. (Death of Asahel) Abner's power move & its failure 3:1-11
5. Abner's negotiation & its failure, 3: 12-39 (Death of Abner) ch 4-5

I. Resisting God's Promised Kingdom (2:12-32)

II. Seeking God's Promised Kingdom out of Expediency (3:1-10)

III. Subverting God's Kingdom by Revenge (3:12-39)

IV. Expecting the Kingdom in Confidence