

## **Study Sheet for 2 Samuel 20**

**Recommended Resource:** *2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity* by Ralph Davis

**Background:** David has returned to Jerusalem; however, there is no happily-ever-after ending. Sheba forms a rebellion against the king. Will David ever find rest from his enemies?

### **Observation-Based Questions on 2 Samuel 20:**

- How is Sheba described (v. 1)? Have other people in 1-2 Samuel been described this way? Can you name what they all have in common?
  
- Was there a geographical element to the division within Israel in those days (vv. 1-2)?
  
- After returning to Jerusalem, how did David treat his concubines (v. 3)?
  
- Why did David send Abishai after Sheba (vv. 4-6)?
  
- What did Joab do to Amasa and why might he have done this (vv. 7-10; cf. 19:13)?
  
- What do the people do when they see Amasa (vv. 11-13)?
  
- As Joab and his men are battering against the wall of the city, Abel, where Sheba has fled, what happens to cause Joab to change his course (vv. 14-17)?
  
- How does the woman seek to persuade Joab to stop his invasion (vv. 18-19)?
  
- How do the people of the city assist Joab and reveal their loyalty to Israel (vv. 20-22)?
  
- What was unfortunately present in Israel, according to the end of this chapter (vv. 23-26)?