

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 29, 2023**  
**2 Samuel 16**

1. What has happened in our last few Bible studies?
  - a. Really bad stuff.
  - b. Absalom killed Amnon and then was in exile in Geshur.
  - c. Joab tricked David in order to try get his point across that David should bring Absalom back.
  - d. David brought Absalom back, but he didn't let him see David's face.
  - e. Absalom burned Joab's field so that he could get his attention and see David again.
  - f. Absalom began to steal the hearts of the people.
  - g. Absalom had himself declared king in Hebron.
  - h. David left Jerusalem rather than fighting and seeing it destroyed.
  - i. There were sacrifices and weeping.
  
2. What happens now in 16:1? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Why, according to 16:2-4 has Ziba brought these things to David?
  - a. Well, obviously, for him to ride on and to eat (in that order).
  - b. Because Mephibosheth was in Jerusalem thinking he was going to be king...after everything David had done for him.
  - c. He was giving David everything that belonged to Mephibosheth because he didn't want to be party to Mephibosheth's actions.
  
4. What happened next, according to 16:5-8?
  - a. Shemei (from the same clan as Saul's family) came out cursing David.
  - b. Shemei pelted David and the king's officials with stones.
  - c. Shemei called David a murderer and scoundrel.
  - d. Shemei accused David of something he had not done.
  
5. How did Abishai (remember, the brother of Joab and a military leader) respond, according to 16:9? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. How did David respond, according to 16:10? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What did David say in 16:11-12? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. What happened in 16:15-19? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. What advice did Ahithophel give to Absalom in 16:20-21? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What did they do in 16:22? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Why did this happen (see 2 Samuel 12:11 & 15:31)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What do we learn in 16:23? \_\_\_\_\_