2 Samuel Lesson 5 (2022)

**DAVID CONQUERS JERUSALEM**

2 Samuel 5:6-25

Key Verse: 5:

**Open it:**

1. Do you consider yourself mainly a “leader” or a “follower”? Why? What burdens and rewards go along with leadership?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 6-8. After becoming king of all Israel, what did David do first? (6a) What is the historical significance of David’s conquest of Jerusalem? (Ge. 15:1921; Dt. 7:1; Jdg. 1:8, 21; Heb. 7:1-2) How did David turn the taunt of the Jebusites against them? (8)
2. Read verses 9-12. What did David do in Jerusalem after he conquered it? (9) Why did David continue to prosper and grow more powerful? (10, 13-16) When the Gentile king Hiram built a palace for him, what did David realize? (11-12) What are the potential pitfalls of success in the believer's life?
3. Read verses 17-21. How did the Philistines respond to David’s expanded kingship? (17) What did David seek before engaging the Philistines in battle? (18-19) What was the significance of the name given to the place where David defeated the Philistines? (20-21)
4. Read verses 22-25. How did David behave when the Philistines gathered against him for a second time? (22-23) What was different about the Lord’s response to David’s second inquiry? (23-24) What was the outcome of the second battle?

**Apply it:**

1. How can you develop the habit of asking for God’s help instead of taking it for granted?