

# Signposts Week 8: The Path of the King

## Summary

This study traces the emotional and spiritual journey of David as he flees Jerusalem during Absalom's rebellion, paralleling the path Jesus walked on the night of His arrest. From the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives, this lesson explores betrayal, submission, injustice, and redemption. Psalm 3—written in this dark hour—becomes a framework for prayer and trust when facing the consequences of sin and the sting of rejection. This path ultimately leads not just through the valley, but toward restoration.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 3 together as a group. What words or phrases stand out most to you, and why?
  - How does David's trust in God shape the way he talks about his enemies and circumstances?
2. Describe the emotional state of David and those with him as they fled the city (2 Samuel 15:13–30).
  - Have you ever felt like you were in a season of exile—perhaps due to your own failure or a painful betrayal? What did you learn about God during that time?
3. Consider the example of Ittai the Gittite (2 Samuel 15:18–22). What does his loyalty reveal about true discipleship?
  - Compare his words to John 11:16 and Peter's defense of Jesus in John 18:10. What does this teach us about what it means to follow our King in hard seasons?
4. Reread 2 Samuel 15:24–26. David surrenders control of the Ark and his fate to God. Jesus does the same in Luke 22:42. What would it look like for you to truly trust God with the outcome of a difficult situation?
5. Read 2 Samuel 15:31 and 1 Peter 2:23. David and Jesus were both betrayed by close friends. How did each one respond?
  - Have you ever experienced betrayal by someone close to you? How did you respond? What would it look like to trust God with that pain now?

## Group Prayer

- Thank God for walking with us through the valleys of failure and betrayal.
- Ask for the courage to follow Jesus wherever He leads, even when it's painful.
- Pray for trust to surrender control and trust God's justice and timing.
- Intercede for those in the group who are dealing with broken trust, wounded relationships, or hidden sin.