



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

MAY 18, 2025

Sermon Discussion Questions: 2 Samuel 18:31-19:8

The sermon began by describing life's "binds"—no-win situations where every option carries loss or pain. Can you share a time when you felt caught in such a bind? What made it so difficult, and how did you respond?

David grieved the death of Absalom while also carrying guilt for how his actions contributed to it. What are some ways you've experienced grief—especially grief that's tangled with regret or complicated emotions? How do you tend to handle or avoid grief in your own life?

In the sermon, Simon said, "Jesus redeems our tears through His tears." How does it impact you to know that Jesus didn't just die for your sin, but also grieves with you in your sadness? Where in your life do you need to experience His healing presence right now?

Simon described God's "bind"—how He is both just and merciful, and how the cross is where that tension is resolved. How does this deepen your understanding of God's character? In what ways does the cross help you trust God with your own impossible situations?

Jesus' grief leads to healing, not hopelessness. What does it look like to grieve in a way that honors the loss but still holds onto the hope of resurrection and redemption? How can this group support one another in that kind of grief?