

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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### Theme: When God Shines Through

#### Week 22 Small Group Bible Study or Sunday School Lesson

### Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. What qualities do we look for in a national leader in times of peace? 2. What do we seek in a leader in times of trouble or crisis? 3. Who has been our greatest national leader? Why?

### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud 2 Sam. 18.1-8, 32-33; Psalm 119.145-152; John 20.1-31

2 Samuel: 1. What "kingly" qualities are evident in David in these verses? 2. What can Christians learn from David's example? 3. David's enemy, his son, dies - even though David tried to protect him. How should we treat "the enemy" or rebellious person within our personal or church family?

Psalm: 1. What bargain is the psalmist trying to strike with God? 2. What has the psalmist been doing to show his sincerity? 3. What is important about God's statutes?

John: 1. What do Christians today understand about why Jesus had to rise from the dead (vs. 9)? 2. Jesus eases Mary's grief just by speaking her name. How does Jesus today ease the grief of those who mourn? 3. Thomas doubts and must physically touch Jesus to believe he is alive. How can believers handle spiritual doubts, when we cannot touch Jesus?

### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How brightly is God's light shining through you? \_\_\_\_\_blindingly \_\_\_\_\_brightly  
\_\_\_\_\_softly \_\_\_\_\_dimly
2. What thoughts, attitudes, or actions can you improve upon (with God's help) to turn the light up a notch?

### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

How will your faith shine this week?