

# THE TRUE CHURCH

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**1** **Read 2 Samuel 20:1-13 (Page 326).** What characterizes the events of these verses? What makes them particularly shocking?

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**2** What does all this teach us about the church today? What purpose might this teaching serve? How should we respond to it?

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**3** **Read 2 Samuel 20:14-15.** Why is the city of Abel being besieged? What might its impending destruction picture?

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**4** **Read 2 Samuel 20:16-22.** What is it that changes everything? How does the woman describe herself? And the city of Abel? What might the city therefore represent?

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**5** How does Joab answer the woman? And how does the woman respond? What's the final outcome?

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**6** **Read 2 Samuel 20:23-26.** What are these verses doing? What does the saving of the city of Abel picture? And what does the wise woman and her intervention picture? What saves the true people of God today?

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**7** What has been the message of tonight's chapter? How should the true church respond to the chaos and destruction around it?