

Season 2 Study 3: Mephibosheth



What have you found challenging or encouraging from your daily readings, family times or Sunday's sermon?

1. What is 'grace'?

READ 2 SAMUEL 9:1-13 TOGETHER

2. David is looking for someone to show kindness to... but why? What does this teach us about David's character? (See 1 Samuel 20:42 as a reminder).
3. If David is a 'type of Jesus', in what way could Mephibosheth be a representative of the people of God?
4. How do you think David felt when he laid eyes on poor Mephibosheth? How do you think Mephibosheth felt, being summoned by King David?
5. David shows kindness to Mephibosheth, not because of his own deeds or virtue, but because of who his father was to David. How is this a picture of God's love for us? Whose righteousness are we beneficiaries of?
6. What is the blessing extended to Mephibosheth? What gifts does David give him?
7. Who else benefits significantly from the king's kindness?
8. Considering that both Ziba and Mephibosheth belonged to the house that once considered David an enemy and rival, do you think David's actions are fair?

READ 2 SAMUEL 16:1-4

9. How do you feel when you discover that Mephibosheth had the audacity to think that he might become king in David's place?
10. Is Mephibosheth's unfaithfulness to David a picture of the way we sometimes behave towards God, abusing His grace and usurping His Lordship? Discuss this idea.
11. David essentially gives up on Mephibosheth, and re-directs his grace and kindness to Mephibosheth's servant, Ziba. Would God ever 'give up' on us in this way? Discuss!
12. How does God expect us to respond to His grace? Can we ever 'lose grace' or is it an offer that never expires?

***So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.
(2 Samuel 9:13)***