

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for January 21, 2024

Sermon Notes

The Beauty of the King's Kindness

2 Samuel 9

And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" 2 Samuel 9:3

The narrative we have before us in 2 Samuel 8–10 summarizes the pinnacle of David's reign as Israel's king. In these chapters, we see God fulfilling his promise to David (2 Samuel 7) and we see David fulfilling his responsibilities as God's anointed king. God has given military success, the kingdom is expanding, and David is leading with "justice and equity to all his people" (2 Samuel 8:15).

When David is at his best, as we see in today's passage, he is a beautiful foreshadowing of his Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we see David lavish kindness on a crippled man named Mephibosheth, we see a preview of the grace to come later when God in Christ extends saving grace to his enemies (Romans 5:10). The place at the king's table offered to a former enemy is a precursor to the gracious provision Jesus makes for his followers to come to the King's table now (1 Corinthians 11:23–ff), and eternally in His heavenly kingdom (Revelation 19:9). In 2 Samuel 9, we witness one of the most beautiful examples of grace in the Old Testament. Here we witness the beauty of the king's kindness.

The King's Unexpected Pursuit (2 Samuel 9:1-4)

Mephibosheth's Hopeless Plight (2 Samuel 9:4-5)

The King's Extravagant Promise (2 Samuel 9:6-10)

Mephibosheth's Undeserved Privilege (2 Samuel 9:11-13)

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JANUARY

22 GriefShare Begins @ 6:30pm
25 Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30am-3pm
28 PreK/Children's SS Leader's Luncheon

FEBRUARY

3 Cake & Coffee Gathering @ 10am
10 Sportsman's Banquet @ 6:30pm
17-19 Student Ministry Winter Retreat