

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (5/18/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 2 Samuel 4:4 and 2 Samuel 9:1-13

1. Typically and historically, for what reason would a newer King be seeking to identify and locate members of a previous King's family? In light of this, what do you imagine might be the reasoning and motivation of Ziba for emphasizing to David the fact that Mephibosheth was "crippled in his feet"?
2. While the "human" rationale for why David should deal mercifully with Mephibosheth relates to his injuries, what is David's actual motivation for being gracious to Mephibosheth?
3. How is David's treatment of Mephibosheth a "picture" of the Gospel?
4. In what sense are we, spiritually, like Mephibosheth is physically? What do you think of Mephibosheth's reference to himself as a "dead dog"?

5. Talk, together, about how Mephibosheth became “like one of the king’s sons”, and how this speaks to our relationship with God, in Christ...
6. Are there any aspects of your life that cause you (or have caused you) at times to see yourself as unworthy of God’s kindness, the way that Mephibosheth seemed to have felt about himself? Perhaps some of you could share something of this with the group?
7. What does this passage of Scripture say to you, in the midst of these feelings of unworthiness or weakness?

Consider praying for one another, that God’s Spirit might help you to rest, more and more, in the grace that God, our true King, offers us because of Jesus.