



STUDY GUIDE

GOD IS FOR ME: Week 8 11.3.13

[set up]

What has been a recent way someone has poured out a gracious undeserving action into your life?

What has been a recent way you have poured out a gracious undeserving action into someone else's life?

[digging deeper]

Re-read the story of David and Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9. Either from this reading and/or from memory of this last weekend's services, what are some of the main points or "take-aways" that come to mind from this historical story?

What are some of the parallels that you see or that you remember between what happens with David and Mephibosheth and use and the Lord? How are we like Mephibosheth? How are we to be like David?

Which verses in 2 Samuel 9 help us think about spiritual adoption? This month is adoption month. How can you pray or support adoption in your life and Lifegroup?

How does Mephibosheth being crippled intensify what happens in this narrative? How can that help us remember those who are struggling with special or unique needs in their life or their family? What can we do as Lifegroups and as a church to help bless those that have this struggle in their lives?

What multiple connects does the parable that Jesus shares in Luke 14:12-24 have with 2 Samuel 9?

The story of David and Mephibosheth isn't over... it actually takes on a real interesting twist. Read 2 Sam. 16:1-4. Here David is fleeing Jerusalem because of the rebellion led by his son Absalom. What report does he receive regarding Mephibosheth?

David later returns to Jerusalem after the death of Absalom and encounters Mephibosheth again in 2 Sam. 19:24-30. What gets cleared up? What is Mephibosheth's attitude? Why do you think he refused David's gift of partially restored land and fortune? Mephibosheth showed his primary care and concern was that David was returning as King. How is that again a parallel for our lives as followers of Christ?



[living it out]

Like David to the descendants of Jonathan... what promises or commitments have you made to people that you still have to make good on? What is your plan to make good on that commitment? For the ones that come to mind, you can list out and place a completion date next to them.

Like David poured out acts of grace on Mephibosheth ... during this time has the Lord impressed on you the desire to help others who may have special or unique needs? What can you do starting today/tomorrow to put that impression on your heart into action? Again, listing out names, needs, ideas to bless and dates to act on will be helpful if you are serious.

Like Mephibosheth... how have you shown the Lord gratitude for the grace He has poured out into your life? What practical ways will you increase living your life as a beloved child adopted through Christ sitting at "the Lord's table"?

Close your time in prayer and take some of the insights that you have gained during this time and convert them into prayers (i.e. Lord, just as Your servant David poured out undeserved favor in the life of Mephibosheth, I think you for pouring out Your grace in my life...)