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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: The Mephibosheth Mindset
Key Scripture: I Sam 18:1-4; I Sam 20:13-17; II Sam 4:4; II Sam 9:1-13;
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/the-mephibosheth-mindset
Date + Speaker: October 6, 2024; Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter:
Have you ever had an unexpected but pleasant surprise? How did that make you feel?

Discussion:

1. Compare Saul's relationship with David (1 Samuel 18:20-29), and David's covenant relationship with Jonathan (I Samuel 18:1-4). How are they different? How does the David-Jonathan relationship teach us about God's dealings with us?
2. David fears threats from Saul at various times (I Kings 21:10; I Samuel 27:1); but he says to Mephibosheth, "Do not fear". (II Samuel 9:7). How do we think this would have ended if David had followed Saul's example?
3. David's action in the HESED moment (II Samuel 9:6-8) shows an unchanging loyalty and faithfulness displayed in kindness and goodness. How can we recognize God's Hesed extended to us?
4. You are more privileged than you understand. What are our privileges as God's children? What does a seat at the King's table bring for God's people? Pastor Mark speaks of a Place, Position, and Provision.
5. David remembers his promise to Jonathan and their covenant long after Jonathan is gone (II Samuel 9:1). How does that illustrate for us the nature of God's promises to us?

Diving Deeper:

6. David did not wait for Mephibosheth to come to him. He actively went in search of a covenant carrier and sent for him (II Samuel 9:5). God is actively seeking us. How does that make the journey back to Him so much easier?
7. King David doesn't speak of Mephibosheth's condition; he speaks his name. (II Sam 9:6) How do we think that God thinks of and refers to us? What Scriptures reflect how God speaks and thinks of us? That is more important than what we or others tell ourselves.
8. Pastor Mark says that the tablecloth represents the grace of God that covers us. What has God's grace covered for you? What does the grace of God cover us from?
9. Ziba tried to convince the king that Mephibosheth was of low value (II Samuel 9:3). Pastor Mark mentioned that the devil's words of shame can be echoed by people around us. Mephibosheth refers to himself as a "dead dog" (II Sam 9:8). What are the things people tell us, or we tell ourselves that make us feel unworthy and ashamed? How can shame and pain stop people from receiving Gods unconditional love? What Scriptures can be used to counter these words?