

Generous | Generous Grace

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Read 2 Samuel 9:1-13 and the story of David and Mephibosheth, one of the strangest in the Old Testament.

Who was Mephibosheth and why was he in danger? What was David's motivation in finding him?

Making a vow that impacts future generations is not that common in our culture. Is there someone living or dead, that you feel an ongoing obligation towards? What's the story on that?

The Old Testament has all sorts of people who prefigure Jesus. King David shows us what the greatest of all Jewish kings would be like. In this story how does King David prefigure King Jesus and conversely, how are we like Mephibosheth?

Kip helped us see grace in three ways. What were they? Hint:

1. Grace is f_____, not a loan.
2. It costs the g_____.
3. It's p_____, not on only on our good days.

Often people say the Old Testament is so different from the New. How would this story show they are alike?

The word "kindness" (9:1, 3, 7) is the key to this chapter. It points to God's loyal, unfailing love for His people. It relates to the Hebrew word for "stork" and helps us understand why we associate storks and babies. The Hebrews observed the exceptional care the stork demonstrated toward its young. It would make its nest in the tallest fir trees, safe from its enemies. It would nurture and care for those ugly, gawking baby storks with an unfailing, loyal love. The Hebrews pointed to the storks and said, "That's how God loves us!" There is nothing in us to merit or deserve it.

Like David, we're called to love people regardless. Our culture however, tells us to avoid and view people who don't believe exactly the way we do as enemies.

Slowly read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 to see what love really looks like.

What would the gong mean to the Corinthians? How did they use it in temple worship?

In such an "us-verses-them" culture, how can we extend grace to people who think so differently than we do?

Can people who believe differently than you come and find grace in your small group?

Kip called us to be like David and live our lives as grace extenders.

What did he mean by, “Our job is to Look, Listen, and Love? How do we do that?

If you have time, discuss this quote: “If we get our theology right but our love wrong, we’ve got it wrong.”

Check out the Engage in Relationships class coming soon.



Consider going as a small group!

Details

Have you ever wished you had greater skills to connect better and build stronger relationships with people in your life, especially those who don't know Jesus yet? Our new 'Engage in Relationship' class is a 3-week course taught by Pastor Randy and designed to help us reflect Jesus better towards others.

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