Love That Stoops October 20, 2019

*2 Samuel 9:1-13 Guest Speaker: Steve Jones*

1. If you were to use the word “grace” in a conversation today, how might your non-Christian friend understand this old-fashioned word?

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1. How would you define and describe “grace?” See the word “kindness” (Hebrew = chesed) in 2 Samuel 9:1, 3, 7, 8.

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1. What motivated King David to extend grace (loving kindness) to Mephibosheth (vv. 1, 3)? How might this be a foreshadowing of Christ’s work in the New Testament?

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1. In v. 4, Mephibosheth was hiding in Lo-debar (a Hebrew word meaning “barren place”). Where do people in our society hide in spiritual barrenness?

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1. What was Mephibosheth’s first reaction to King David’s offer of grace (vv. 6-8)? Why do people still respond this same way to God’s offer of loving kindness?

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1. How might we better share God’s grace to family and friends in effective, fruitful, winsome ways in the 21st century? The message doesn’t change but the methods do.

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1. What are you willing to commit to act on in the next month that will touch someone with the Good News that Jesus is their loving Saviour?

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Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Deuteronomy 13:1-5 and 18:15-22.