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Acts 1:1-11

NOTE: As a guide, use these questions to help with group discussion. Not all questions are needed. Select the ones that will best serve your group as you grow in Christ together through His Word. Soli Deo Gloria.

ICE BREAKER:

Who's someone in your life you trust because they consistently do what they say they'll do?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT IN CONTEXT:

What is the nature of David's promise in 1 Samuel 20:14-15 and 1 Samuel 20:42? With both Saul and Jonathan dead, what is unique about the person who remains alive in the line of Jonathan? Read 2 Samuel 4:4.

CONNECTING TO JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL:

The grace Mephibosheth receives is a foreshadowing of the grace we receive from Jesus, the greater son of David (See Matt 1:1 and Luke 1:32). Together, read and discuss these verses about God's amazing love (1 John 4:10; John 1:12-13; Rom 8:16-17) and the gift of God's extravagant grace (Luke 15:11-32; Ephesians 1:7-8).

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH:

Like David, do you have unfulfilled promises? If so, encourage and pray for one another to be true to your word.

Even more than Mephibosheth, we 'feast' at the table of a greater king: Jesus. Do you recognize that as your identity, if you have believed in Jesus? Do you actively see Jesus as not only a savior but also the host welcoming you to fellowship and feasting in His Kingdom? What hinders this? How can you walk in the celebration of that grace? Pray for one another — that grace would grip us and give us great joy in Jesus. One help: select a text listed about and meditate on it.

PARENTING MOMENT AND FAMILY FOCUS:

Couples, remind yourselves of your wedding vows — to keep those promises in the joy of the strength of the Lord.

With kids / the whole family, discuss how each of us is like Mephibosheth, invited to the table of King Jesus to feast forevermore.

FURTHER STUDY:

Read 'Unworthy at the Table' at ligonier.org. For an excellent book on grace, read 'The Prodigal God' by Tim Keller. For background on the book (and more on grace) read 'Tim Keller on Pleasing God, Self-Salvation, and Two Lost Sons' at www.crossway.org.



THE RISE AND FALL OF A KING



THE LIFE OF DAVID

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

Rise and Fall of a King – Bathsheba and Aftermath

2 Samuel 11:1-27, 2 Samuel 12:16-25 — February 7/8

This page gets us into the text for the next sermon. The more familiarity we have with God's Word, the better we can see God and all that He has for us.

In the days leading up to next weekend, set aside a few minutes to read the text and reflect on these questions. A prayer to start: 'Open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things out of your law' - Psalm 119:18

1. Describe the stages in the escalation of David's sin in 2 Sam 11:2-4.
2. How does David try to make it look like Uriah is the father (2 Sam 11:6-13)?
3. Contrast David's character with the noble character of Uriah.
4. What is motivating David in 2 Samuel 12:16-25?
5. What in this text confuses you?
6. What in this text compels you?
7. Read — and pray along with David — Psalm 51.