

Kindness 2 Samuel 9

Purpose: To help us show appreciation for the kindness God and others have shown us and to encourage us to do the same to others.

Group Discussion: Give reasons why people tend to be kind to others.

1. Provide a list of David's characteristics which you observed from reading this chapter.
2. Do you think it might have been difficult for David to locate Mephibosheth? How so?
3. David had reasons not to show kindness to Mephibosheth, but really could not. What was one reason he had to show kindness and other reasons why he did not have to?
4. Could David's kindness to Mephibosheth been solely personal? Explain.
5. We are all handicapped in this thing called "life". Think of a time when you encountered a "Mephibosheth" (may not have been physical) and how did you show kindness.
6. State the ways (and verses) where David showed kindness to Mephibosheth.
7. What makes you a "Mephibosheth" and how can others show kindness to you?
8. When Mephibosheth was first asked to appear before the king, what thoughts or feelings do you think he had to deal with?
9. With the kindness shown by David, Mephibosheth would surely see a change in his life. Explain.
10. Tell somebody: How has someone recently shown kindness to you and how have you benefitted?

What to Do: Contact someone who once showed kindness to you and tell them "thank you".