

AFTER GOD'S HEART

A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF DAVID

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

2 Samuel 4:4 NLT

(Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled.)

2 Samuel 9:1-13 NLT

One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive—anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked.

"Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied.

The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet."

"Where is he?" the king asked.

"In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel."

So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home. His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth."

Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant."

"Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"

Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?"

Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded." And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons.

Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

Lo-Debar: A barren place

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

#1. The King pursues you.

John 3:17 NLT

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Luke 19:10 NLT

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

#2. You have a place at the table.

Psalm 23:5 NKJV

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

Matthew 11:28 NLT

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Psalm 34:8 NKJV

Oh, taste and see that the Lord *is* good;
Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

2 Samuel 9:5 NLT

So David sent for him and brought him from Makir’s home.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Pray and ask God to remind you of those who have stepped away from the table.
2. Encourage someone in your circle this week, let them know that they have a place at the table.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What is the difference between being appointed and anointed? How have we seen that in David’s life?
2. When have you experienced situation where you asked yourself, ‘How did I get here?’ What did God teach you through it?

3. What are factors that can lead us to our Lo-Debar, our barren or broken places? Why do you think it can be a gradual process of slowly slinking in?
4. Who has shown you kindness and patience when you felt like you didn't deserve it? How did it move you? How do you know you have a place at the table? How do you find the table? What does the table represent?
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