

**Series:** Christmas with King David

**Sermon:** Honoring God

**Primary Text:** 2 Samuel 6:1-15

**Discussion Guide:**

- Have you ever been trying to do something good or nice and ended up insulting or hurting someone? Share?
- Read 2 Samuel 6:1-15
  - What is the significance of the Ark of the Covenant?
  - Why were the Israelites celebrating with such passion?
  - Why was Uzzah struck down? (see Numbers 4:14-15)
- Read John 14:13, 1 Corinthians 6:19, and Philippians 2:12-13
  - What do all of these passages say about you as a Christian?
  - In many ways you are now the representation of God that the ark used to be.
    - What do you think about this?
  - Why is it important to honor God the way He says to? (see 1 Samuel 15:22 and Matthew 7:21-22)
  - Scripture said the ark was to be carried by priests – now you and I are the priests (see Revelation 5:9-10, 1 Peter 2:9)
    - What is our role then?
    - How is this like carrying the Ark of the Covenant?
  - The OT also instructed that the ark be carried on poles – making it higher than those carrying it.
    - What does this say about the way you and I should honor God in our lives?
  - Notice 2 Samuel 6:13 – how did they change the way they were transporting the ark? What does this tell you David did during the 3 months pause?
    - How is it honoring to God to acknowledge and ask forgiveness for sin?
  - Finally, why were the Israelites and David celebrating so passionately?
    - If God dwells in you – should you and I celebrate? Why?
    - Do you find joy and peace from the presence of God? why or why not?