

Series: Christmas with King David

Sermon: Representing God

Primary Text: 2 Samuel 9

Discussion Guide:

- Why is it important to live on purpose?
- What is a purpose that you obsess about?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
 - What is the Christian's central purpose?
- Read 2 Samuel 9
 - Why is David's desire to show kindness to Saul's descendent surprising and different from the then world's standards?
- In what ways does David display kindness to Mephibosheth?
 - Why was David eager to do this?
 - Read v. 1 and 1 Samuel 20:14-15
 - What are some promises that God has made that you "stand on" or live by?
 - How do we represent God in keeping our word? (see Matthew 5:34-37)
 - Read v. 3 and Ephesians 2:4-7
 - How has God been kind to you?
 - Why is it our responsibility to share God's kindness with the world?
 - How did David show mercy?
 - How can you?
 - How did David show lavish love?
 - How can you?
- In what ways did David take risk and make sacrifice in his actions toward Mephibosheth?
- Why didn't David expect anything in return?
 - What does this teach us?
 - Do you ever do service in the name of Christ but still expect something in return? Why or why not? If so, what can you do to correct this?