Reflecting on 2 Samuel 8:9-9:13
April 26, 2020

Introduction: This week's message focuses on an act of *Uncommon Kindness* that David showed to Mephibosheth. As we work through the passage, we uncover four attributes of Uncommon Kindness:

1. Uncommon Kindness is rooted in the love of God.

2. Uncommon Kindness is blessing another person with no thought for yourself.

3. Uncommon Kindness, at times, involves doing for others what they cannot do for themselves.

4. Uncommon kindness at times involves helping a person by enlisting others in the effort.

The Big Idea of the message is that *Uncommon Kindness places us in partnership with God as He blesses others.*

Questions to Discuss:
1. What attribute of Uncommon Kindness resonates with you the most and why?

2. Have you ever seen Uncommon Kindness in action? If yes, share your story with your group?

3. The definition of Uncommon Kindness is blessing another person with no thought for yourself. What makes this kind of kindness so uncommon?

4. A number of weeks ago, we discussed Ephesians 4:32 in the context of David showing kindness to Saul. This passage bears mentioning again here. What motivation for kindness and forgiveness does Paul give in Ephesians 4:32? How should this motivation influence our perspective on whom we should show kindness to?

5. One emphasis of the message is that love and kindness should characterize the body of Christ. The words of Christ affirm this John 13:35: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

   What keeps the defining characteristics of love and kindness from being more broadly seen in churches like ours? Or to ask the same question on a personal level, what holds you back from showing more love and kindness to others?

6. Take a moment to share any needs that people in the group may have and that people in the group may know about. List them out below. Which of the needs you listed might God calling you to meet with Uncommon Kindness? Who might you need to enlist to help you meet that need?