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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 07.28.24 Pulpit Curriculum

The Gospel of God's Covenantal Love: David's Kindness to Mephibosheth

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Main Passage: 2 Samuel 9

1) **The Story of 2 Sam 9**: King David had promised to care for Jonathan and his family, and the only member remaining member was Mephibosheth, who was lame (2 Sam 4:4). Mephibosheth was right in that he offered nothing to the king as he came in humility, but David offered radical words of grace.

A. In what ways does Mephibosheth's display of humility reflect a penitent response to the Gospel? _____

B. How does the grace David gave point to the grace of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ? _____

2) **God's Covenantal Love – Hesed (חֶסֶד)**: God's love does not vacillate with emotions. The concept of commitment in the West is somewhat foreign (an allergy), tending to be borne out of emotion. We need to be informed by a biblical understanding of God's love, which is built on commitment rather than preferable outcomes and feelings.

- Hesed (חֶסֶד) – Committed love that multiplies itself to undeserving sinners (God's Covenant Love, Loyal, Devotion, Loving-Kindness, Steadfast Love, Faithfulness)
- God's Great Hesed: Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 36:5, 40:11, 92:1-2, 103:11; Proverbs 20:28; Lamentations 3:21-23

C. Describe a biblical understanding of God's love and why it's important to understand God's love as He has revealed it. _____

D. How is your life shaped / informed by God's covenantal love? What does this reveal about your heart? _____



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3) **How We (Should) Feel about Covenants:** Our ecclesiology (Doctrine of the Church) may be offensive to American isolationism, but it is informed by a biblical commitment to relationships and a desire to commit to the body of Christ. This informs Grove's high view of church membership. Where a believer commits is up to them, but whether a believer commits is sealed at salvation. We don't have a category of a professing believer that refuses to commit to the local church.

E. How do you feel about covenants/commitment with the bride of Christ, God's people, God, marriage? What does this reveal about your heart regarding the things of God? _____

F. What does it look like for someone to be in the church versus around the church? Consider head, heart, and hands. _____

G. Where are you in your commitment to the church? Are you a member? Are you around the church or in the church? Are you around a Lifegroup or in the Lifegroup? _____

4) **Christ's Covenantal Love:** The scene between David and Mephibosheth is a picture of Jesus Christ and the Christian. Jesus Christ has invited us to dine at His table, making a promise that He will keep. We come to the feet of Christ as enemies to the King, lame because of the fall of man and the weight of sin, but Christ is a gracious King.

1. Standing in His Gospel (Rom 5:1-2; 1 Pet 1:5; John 10:28-29)

2. Courage in the Fight (Psalm 18:29-30)

3. Confidence in His Protection (Psalm 18:35)

4. Appreciation for the Value of Commitment (1 Pet 2:4, 5)

5. Eager to Share (2 Cor 5:14)

A. Read and consider Luke 12:35ff and Rev 19. Meditate on the invitation of Christ to sup with Him at His table always. _____

B. Consider the 5 ways of standing in Christ's Love. Where are you the weakest / strongest? List your two weak areas and share with your Lifegroup. _____