



Tables

II Samuel 9 (Message 11.22.09)

Ice Breaker:

What do you anticipate most about Thanksgiving?
What do your kids anticipate most about Thanksgiving?
What similarities are there?

Questions:

1. What caused King Saul to lose his humility and ultimately God's favor?
(Hint: 1 Sam. 13:13-14, 14:24-25, 18:6-9, 28:9-10)
2. Share about a time you have acted like Saul.
3. Read I Sam. 18:1-4 and 23:15-18. Describe in your own words the relationship between Jonathan and David.
Have you ever had a friend upon whom you could trust as David had in Jonathan?
Are you the friend that someone else depends on in the same manner as David did with Jonathan?
4. Put your name in place of David's in II Sam. 8:15. How does it sound to you that the Bible records you as doing RIGHT for all the people?
5. Read II Samuel 9. What motivated David to seek out Saul's family members?
6. What observations can you make about Mephibosheth?
7. What was Mephibosheth doing in Lo Debar? What does "Lo Debar" mean? Do you have a Lo Debar in your life story?
8. Compare the story of the "Lost Son" (Luke 15:11-32) to David and Mephibosheth. Note the reaction of the Father at his son's return (Luke 15:20b-24). How does it compare to David's response to Mephibosheth's return to Jerusalem? What is similar in the two stories? How do these accounts parallel God's care for you?