

## The Kindness of God

New Day Church

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2 Samuel 9

**Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.**

### Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon based on the material we have already read for the week. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

As we finished 2 Samuel we were challenged to look back over David's life and consider God's goodness to him. Second Samuel 9 is one story of God's kindness through David to those around him. It's also a great picture of David's faithfulness to his promise to honor Saul and love Jonathan. We see in this story David showing kindness to Mephibosheth. He was a man who was lame from birth and was invited to come live as a son of the king, eating meals at the king's table forever.

This chapter also challenges us as a church to reflect on God's kindness to us. One of the ways that God has shown his kindness has been letting us be a part of a work overseas among a people group to a point that no church in our modern context has been able or is currently doing. That's amazing! Can you believe that God lets us be a part of that?

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week let's reflect on God's goodness to us in the work and look to the future. Work together as a group to discuss some of the following topics and questions:

1. We have made progress among our people group. There are two new believers there! Our friend said on Sunday that we have made seven trips there. As we move towards discipling these new believers, and considering the task before us, is this really a task that we as New Day Church want to take on?
2. What do we need to teach these new brothers so that they will reach their village and the surrounding people groups?
3. Time and money are both a factor in this work. How soon should we go back to begin training these believers?
4. What are our expectations for these believers? Are we expecting them to become a church? Are we expecting them to reach others with the gospel? How can we help them get there?
5. What will it take to go from 2 believers in an area, to a church in that area?

### Message Outline

Main Point - what is your servant that you show regard?

1. Only God can help us. (v. 3, 13)

We are all lame and in need of God's help.

**Application:** where do we see ourselves as lame?

2. God's kindness is abundant. (v. 1,3,7,9-11)

The most profound truths are often very very simple.

**Application:** where have you seen God's kindness, and how can you show God's kindness?

3. God shows regard for us. (v. 8)

Do you believe that we get to be a part of this?

**Application:** who can we show regard for?

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## Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to 2 Samuel 9:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

## Weekly Prayer Focus

### • Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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### • Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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### • Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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