

Questions for Mephibosheth

Warm up

- 1) Describe a time in your life when you received unexpected mercy.
- 2) What theme in the message most challenged or encouraged you? Why?

Explore

- 3) At the end of 1 Samuel in chapter 31, Saul and three of his sons (Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua) die in battle. Why did the Lord allow this to happen?
- 4) How does David respond to the death of Saul and his family in 2 Samuel 1? What makes David lament?
- 5) Fast forward to 2 Samuel 9. One of Jonathan's sons is discovered to still be alive. Why would that be a concern? What was typically done in this case?
- 6) What does David do that is surprising? (see verses 6-12)

Apply

- 7) Amidst the bloodshed that ensued with a transition to David's reign as king, the story of how David treated Mephibosheth stands in sharp relief. When vengeance was expected, mercy shone through. Is there currently a situation or a person in your life in need of mercy? What would it look like to give mercy freely?