



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 25, 2018

This Week's Focus: In love God has extended great kindness to sinners and removed the shame of sin through his Son Jesus Christ so that all those who trust Jesus' atoning work will experience eternal peace with God.

This Week's Text: 2 Samuel 10

"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him." Colossians 1:21-22

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned more clearly about yourself, God, and the mission of God?
- What is significant about the use of the word *loyally* in this text (2 Samuel 9:1; Exodus 34:6)? Why do you think David desired to extend covenantal loyalty to Hanun? What's so astounding about David's display of loyalty/kindness toward Hanun (1 Samuel 11:1-11)? How is David's kindness a picture of the gospel?
- How do the Ammonite princes persuade Hanun to reject David's offer of sympathy and loyalty? How is this similar to the question the serpent posed to Eve in Genesis 3:1? What are the triggers that cause you to doubt the goodness of God? When you are tempted to doubt God's goodness where do you turn for "goodness" (happiness, identity, or self-worth)?
- What was so humiliating about half-shaving the servants beards and cutting their garments at the waist (Leviticus 19:27, Numbers 15:38, Deuteronomy 22:12)? How did David restore the dignity of his shamed servants? Discuss how Jesus redeems us from the shame of sin.
- Who did David choose to command the Israelite army against the Ammonites and Syrians? What can we learn from his battle cry? When you struggle with doubt, do you entrust yourself to the steadfast love and faithful kindness of God (*hesed*) displayed in person and work of Jesus Christ?

- How are the events of 2 Samuel 10 a kind of microcosm of Psalm 2? What is the consequence of those who reject God's kindness and mercy and persevere in their rebellion against him? Where can we find refuge from God's righteous wrath and eternal peace with him?
- Share how this passage encourages you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence.