

# king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 24, 2019

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the greater Son of David who has purchased a people for himself by his blood, and he will inaugurate true and lasting justice, unity, and peace when he returns for them someday.

**This Week's Text:** 2 Samuel 19:9-43

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." **Revelation 7:9-12**

## **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 so far from our study of 1 and 2 Samuel?
- What was the argument going on among all the people "throughout the tribes of Israel"? When confronted with a divided kingdom, how did David respond? Why did David take special care to reconcile with Judah? Discuss how David's mercy and offer of forgiveness point to the King of Kings and his gospel (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:19).
- Why did David choose Gilgal as the place to reunite the kingdom of Israel (Joshua 4-5; 1 Samuel 11:12-15).
- Who is the "first of all the house of Joseph" to greet David, what do we know about his history with the king (2 Samuel 16:5-13)? Do you think his confession was genuine? Although deserving of death, why did David pardon him?
- Having experienced God's undeserved kindness, do wish God's judgement on others or do you seek to extend his love, mercy, and grace?
- Who is Mephibosheth and what is his history with King David (2 Samuel 9)? Whose story do you believe, Mephibosheth or Ziba (2 Samuel 16:1-5)? Compare/contrast David's decision with his son Solomon's later wise judgement (1 Kings 3:16-28). What does Mephibosheth's response to David's decision teach us about contentedness and the sufficiency of God's grace?

- How had Barzillai helped David during Absalom's coup (2 Samuel 17:27-29)? Do you willingly and lovingly devote your time, talents, and finances to King Jesus and his kingdom?
- Does the chapter end with a peaceful, reunited kingdom? How do we experience unity today within the church (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 2:11-16)? Discuss how Jesus is the greater Son of David who will inaugurate true and lasting justice, unity, and peace when he returns (Revelation 7:9-12).
- How does this passage encourage you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence?