

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 10, 2019

This Week's Focus: Jesus is our great high priest and the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins who grants peace by the blood of his cross on all who repent of sin and trust in his atoning work.

This Week's Text: 2 Samuel 21

"And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:11-12

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?
- How does 2 Samuel 21-24 function with the rest of the 1&2 Samuel? What is the author's aim by including these non-chronological accounts and psalms?
- What crisis is Israel suffering at that the beginning of chapter 21, and what is David's initial response? What does this tell us about his theology and about his role as leader of Israel?
- Why is "LORD" rendered in all capital letters (Exodus 3:13-15), and what is significant about the phrase, David "sought the face of the LORD"? Do you consider your relationship with God an intimate one?
- What is the first implicit reference to God's mercy in this text? What was the reason for the famine (verses 1-2; reference Leviticus 26:20 and Deuteronomy 28:18)? What was Saul's motive for violating Israel's oath with the Gibeonites?
- Read Joshua 9 and briefly recount the history of Israel's peace treaty/covenant with the Gibeonite people. What did the Gibeonites request as atonement for Saul's sin? Do you think the punishment fit the crime?
- What is the difference that the author wants us to see between David and Saul (verse 7)? Who is the consummate Covenant-Maker and Covenant Keeper?
- According to God's law, what is the penalty for murder and why (Numbers 35:30-33, Genesis 9:6)? What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of God, why is this foundational to a Christian worldview, and how does it affect the way we live?

- What does it mean that God is holy, just, and righteous? Why is sin an affront to his nature? How has Adam's sin implicated all of humanity (Romans 5:12-14)?
- What is atonement (reference "propitiation" and "expiation") and how this passage foreshadows the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross (Hebrews 10:11-12).
- What does this passage remind us about the timing of God's righteous judgment (1 Peter 3:9-13)? Do you long for Jesus' return or have your cares and hopes shifted to the things of this world?
- What can we learn from Rizpah's mourning and her commitment to protecting the bodies of Saul's 7 sons?
- Discuss how verses 15-22 display the supremacy of the Kingdom of God and God's Anointed King. Share some other aspects of the Kingdom that you perceive in the text.
- 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?