

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## DON'T REJOICE IN EVIL BUT TRUST IN THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD 2 Samuel 4 & 5

**Main Thought:** 2 Samuel 4 & 5, we learn not to rejoice in evil but to trust in the faithfulness of God.

1. DON'T REJOICE IN \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 4)
  - 1) Ish-Bosheth is \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-9)
  - 2) David has the evil doers \_\_\_\_\_ (4:10-12)
  - 3) Application thoughts:
    - (1) God's kingdom is a kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (2) Wickedness will never be able to thwart God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. TRUST IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (2 Sam. 5)
  - 1) Israel submits to David as God's \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-5)
  - 2) David \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem (5:6-10)
  - 3) David's \_\_\_\_\_ is built in Jerusalem (5:11-16)
  - 4) David \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistines (5:17-25)
  - 5) Application \_\_\_\_\_:
    - (1) God is faithful to keep His \_\_\_\_\_ – so trust Him.
    - (2) David is most certainly a prototype of the "Son of David" who is to come, \_\_\_\_\_, who will come to earth and defeat His enemies, and to rule over His kingdom.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 2 Samuel 4 & 5 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Who are Baanah and Rekab?

8. Who is Mephibosheth? What happened to him?

9. What did Baanah and Rekab do to Ish-Bosheth? Why?

10. How did David respond to the news of Ish-Bosheth's death?

11. Why did the Israelites finally submit to David as their King?

12. Why was David inspired to capture Jerusalem? Why was that an appropriate place to establish his headquarters as King?

13. Why do you think Hiram the king of Tyre sent resources to David to build his palace?

14. Why do you think David took more concubines and wives and continued to have lots of children?

15. What is significant about David's defeat of the Philistines?