

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.

WAR, PEACE, AND GRACE

2 Samuel 8-10

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 8-10, we find God working through His king, David, to fulfill His promises to His people all of which foreshadows the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as King.

1. WAR & PEACE: _____ DEALS WITH HIS ENEMIES (8 & 10)

- 1) _____
- (1) These were _____ surrounding Israel.
 - (2) They occupied _____ God gave to Israel.
 - (3) These were small _____.
 - (4) David is on the offensive pursuing the more permanent peace and land God _____ to Israel (7:10-11).

- 2) The _____
- (1) The _____ subdued (8:1)
 - (2) The _____ subdued (8:2)
 - (3) Zobah and the _____ subdued (8:3-12)
 - (4) The _____ subdued (8:13-14)
 - (5) The _____ contained (10:1-19)

3) The Outcome of David's _____ (8:15-18)

2. GRACE FOR _____ (9:1-13)

3. _____ FOR US

- 1) This passage illustrates the providential hand of God, working all things for the good of the _____.
- 2) David's _____ anticipate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as King.
- 3) This text exemplifies the proper use of _____.
- 4) God's kindness should lead us to _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 8-10 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. Why the decimation and subjection of so many people in Chapter 8 and 10? What was God accomplishing through David?

8. What do you make of David's treatment of the Moabites? (8:2)

9. Why would David hamstring the horses (8:4)? (See Duet. 17:16)

10. What did David do with the precious metals he received from the groups he conquered? Why?

11. How did David maintain control over the areas he conquered?

12. What characteristics did David display as he reigned over Israel? (8:15; Psalm 101)

13. Why did David take Mephibosheth into his palace? How did David treat him?

14. How did David initially want to treat the Ammonites? Why? What did the Ammonites do in return? What was the result?

15. How do chapters 8-10 foreshadow Jesus and His rule as our eternal King?