

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.

WHEN GRACE ISN'T GRACIOUS 2 Samuel 14

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 14, we discover that for reconciliation to take place between two people, forgiveness and genuine repentance must take place.

1. REVIEWING THE TEXT...

- 1) The _____ Joab saw (v 1)
- 2) The _____ Joab devised (vv 2-3)
- 3) A _____ told by a woman from Tekoa (vv 4-11)
- 4) The _____ of Tekoa applies her story to David and Amsalom (vv 12-20)
- 5) Absalom _____ to Jerusalem but not to David (vv 21-24)
- 6) Absalom's handsome appearance and _____ (vv 25-27)
- 7) Absalom takes _____ to get an audience with the King (vv 28-32)
- 8) David receives Absalom but there are no _____ for his actions and no repentance (v 33)

2. APPLYING THE TEXT...

- 1) Understand what _____ is and what it's not.

- 2) For reconciliation to occur, genuine _____ must occur.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 14 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. Is Joab acting here in the best interests of Absalom, David, or himself? Why do you think so?

8. What problem did Joab see? What scheme did he come up with to address the problem?

9. What story does the woman from Tekoa tell? How does the woman's story relate to David and Absalom?

10. What action does David take as a result of the woman's story? How did he treat Absalom upon his return? Why?

11. What new information do you learn about Absalom in this passage?

12. How long did the estrangement last in Jerusalem between David and Absalom? What did Absalom finally do about it? Is there any evidence of Absalom's repentance for killing Amnon?

13. What do you think David's kiss of Absalom meant in verse 33?

14. What does forgiveness involve? What does genuine repentance look like? Why can't true reconciliation happen with forgiveness and repentance?