



ALIVE

Wesleyan Church

Sermon Discussion Questions – March 17, 2024

Scripture Passages:

2 Samuel 9:1-5 (NIV) “David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”² Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David...³ The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”⁴ “Where is he?” ... “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.”

2 Samuel 9:6-7 (NIV) “⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. ⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”

2 Samuel 9:9-11,13 (NIV) “⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table” ...¹¹ So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.”

1 John 3:1 (ESV) “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God...”

1 John 4:19 (ESV) “We love because he first loved us.”

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT) “But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.”

Discussion:

1. Pastor Tori started her message by talking about tables that she has sat around that mean a lot to her. What table have you sat around that holds meaning to you?
2. When you think of the table of God and your seat at the table, how do you picture the table? Where are you? What does the chair and table look like? What is at the table?
3. Read 2 Samuel 9:1-7, 9-11, 13. Pastor Tori then said “Like Mephibosheth, I think sometimes we show up in front of God and we’re scared. All we see is our sin, our shame, our guilt... we remember that thing we did last Friday night or that thought we had on our way into church. And sometimes instead of running to God, we’re afraid to appear before him. But, in his kindness and because of his sacrifice on the cross, he invites us to appear before him and he says, “have a seat at my table.”

Have you ever felt like Mephibaseth? Have you ever felt scared to show up in front of God? Why? How have you gotten over that fear?

4. Pastor Tori’s first point was “we are broken, crippled, and can’t walk on our own.” Do you have people around you to help carry you to the table? What are those people like? Have you ever helped carry someone to the table? What are practical ways you can help someone to the table?
5. Pastor Tori’s next point was “You have a seat at God’s table.” What does it mean to you that you have a seat at God’s table?

Next Steps:

Read 1 John 3:1, 1 John 4:19, Ephesians 2:4-5.

Pastor Tori ended with “Because God LOVES us, we forever have a seat at his table. All we have to do is accept his invitation.”

Have you accepted God’s invitation to sit at His table? If you have, do you find yourself excited to sit at his table every meal? Do you find yourself crawling? Do you need someone to carry you to the table? What might you feel God calling you to next? Do you need to accept his invitation? Do you need to sit at his table again? Share with the group what you think God is calling you to.