



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 24, 2020

During this time that we are not able to meet together, please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 16:1-23

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In today's passage, pastor Dan shows us that in spite of three attacks on King David, God's providential hand is working to help David understand the goodness of God, the bleakness of sin and the grace of forgiveness.

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Dan said that in King David's life "adversity is the element in which he shines. It is in prosperity that he falls." How does this idea influence the way you think about both adversity and prosperity?
2. Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, manipulated the king to improve his own situation. He promoted himself while tearing down Mephibosheth. What do you think Pastor Dan meant when he said, "Zibas are not rare at all. There is a Ziba in each of us"? How can you prevent yourself from becoming a Ziba?
3. Shimei verbally attacked King David with slanderous lies. Rather than retaliate, David realized that God was using Shimei to humble him; for even though David was guilty of the blood of Uriah, he knew he was forgiven. How does understanding our own sinfulness, and knowing what Christ has done for us on the cross, help us to be more patient and long-suffering when people think ill of us; even when we are falsely slandered?

4. David understood the character of a gracious God who punishes sin but still loves the sinner and desires to show us mercy. How does a true understanding of God's gracious character help us to flee from sin, rather than give us license to continue in it? How can a person gain a true understanding of God's gracious character?

5. Through the lens of King David's life, we learned how God can use difficult and even evil situations in our lives to reveal not only the heinousness of our own sin, but more importantly, the unbelievable grace and goodness of God. Pastor Dan said that the gospel reveals a long loving process in which God takes great pains to make us more like Jesus Christ. Explain how the difficult and evil situations we suffer, may also be the blessings we need.