

4. How was Christ the ultimate expression of God's pursuit of fallen humanity (for example, John 1:9-13; Rom. 5:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Gal. 4:4-7; Heb. 10:19-25)?

**Application:**

5. What should the response of the person who has received a place at the table of Christ the King look like? How do we keep that from being a passive response on our part?

6. What has kept you (or is keeping you) from believing that the King truly loves you and wants you to have a place at His table?

7. How can you (as an individual and as a group) bring others to see the place available for them at the table of the King?

**A Place at the King's Table**  
**2 Samuel 9**  
*(September 29, 2013)*

Seeing ourselves in a story of grace:

1. Exploring the \_\_\_\_\_ of the King (v. 1-5)

✧ "*Hesed*" - lovingkindness (Ps. 23:6);  
faithful love (Hos. 2:19-20)

✧ Jonathan & David's covenant (1 Sam. 20:14-17)

✧ Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 4:4); Merib-baal (1 Chron. 8:34)

✧ Ziba (2 Sam. 16:1-4)

✧ Lo-debar

2. The outcast approaches with \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6-8)

✧ "Fell on his face" (Ex. 20:18-20; 2 Kings 11:1-3)

✧ A three-fold promise:

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✧ "Dead dog" (2 Sam. 16:9)

3. The unrelenting King lavishes his \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-10)

✧ What the helpless outcast did (Rom. 5:6-11)

✧ The resulting response (Phil. 2:12-13)

4. The outcast is now the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-13)

✧ Spirit of adoption (Rom. 8:14-17)

✧ Proving to be faithful and grateful (2 Sam. 19:24-30)

✧ “Lame in both feet” (1 Tim. 1:15-17)

## Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you were included in something you felt undeserving of, or excluded from something you felt deserving of.

### Digging Deeper:

2. Where in Scripture have you seen evidence of God’s pursuit of lost people (e.g. stories of specific people, parables of Jesus, testimony of apostles, etc.)? Looking at specific examples (take time to write them down here), what is the pattern of that pursuit?

3. Again, taking time to examine those specific examples in Scripture, what does God’s pursuit of people tell us about the nature of God? About the nature of man?