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"Carried to the Table" 2 Samuel 9 November 3, 2019 - Mark Sorensen

Gather

- Take a moment to check in with one another. If someone were to ask you, "How is it with your soul, today?" How would you answer that question, honestly and truthfully?

Plant

- Our new Harvest series (which just began) is called, "Grace's Table". This month, Mark Sorensen will be speaking into "tabletop" moments encountered in God's Word where grace can be found.
- With the holidays quickly approaching, what are your earliest table memories? Meaning, what do the early memories of your gathering around the table mean to you? Maybe it's Thanksgiving. Maybe it's Christmas dinners. Maybe it's yearly family reunions. Share some of those memories.

Grow

- Our first table story in the series was the story of David and Mephibosheth.
- Someone read the story for the group from 2 Samuel 9:1-12.
- In the message, Mark shared the context that David had made a promise to both Saul and Jonathan to show favor to their descendants and not put them to death. We also learned that Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, was dropped at a young age and became crippled as a result in both legs. Mephibosheth, not knowing the promise David had made to his father, lived in isolation and fear for years wondering when he might be found.
- Question. What is the most striking image in this passage to you?
- How do these verses show us the nature of grace? (hint: a helpful acronym I have used to define grace is this: **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**)
- How would you compare the favor David shows to Mephibosheth with the favor that God shows to each of us?

Harvest

- Someone read 1 John 4:9-11
- What is the progression of love in these verses?
- We're all Mephibosheth in some way. Yet, despite the brokenness, we're also invited to the King's table. As we look towards the upcoming week ahead, how can we invite someone else to the table? Who can we extend kindness, for "Christ's sake"?

Prayers

- Close with sharing prayer concerns and in prayer.