

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 8

Text

2 Samuel 9

Day 1 - Recall, Read, and Listen

1. Look back to the previous lesson or teaching. Write down a few things you learned from last week. This can include any facts or findings, something taught from the teacher, a life application that challenged you, or anything else related to the study.

2. Read and/or listen to this week's passage twice. If possible, use different translations. I highly recommend having the passage read to you. Many apps, including the Blue Letter Bible, have a feature that will read the Bible to you. Meditate and pray on the passage.

Day 2 - Unleashing the Text

3. What commitment (more on this in day 5) did David remember when he was established in the kingship of Israel (9:1)? Which relative of Saul did David learn about from the servant Ziba (9:3)?

4. Where did David find Jonathan's son living (9:4–5)? See the map and small write up at the end of the study for more information about where Jonathan's son was living. Write anything else interesting you learn down below.

5. What attitude did Mephibosheth assume toward David when they met (9:6)?
What promises did David make to Mephibosheth (9:7)?

6. How did Mephibosheth expect to be treated by David (9:8)? What commands did David give to Ziba concerning Mephibosheth (9:9–10)?

7. What commands did David give to Ziba concerning Mephibosheth (9:9–10)?
What kind of treatment did Mephibosheth receive in David's house (9:11)?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

8. Look at 2 Samuel 9 again, but through the lens of divine grace. If David is a type of Jesus, then we, as sinners, are a type of Mephibosheth. What is the author of 2 Samuel teaching us about divine grace, as being shown by David? What is the author communicating about the recipient of divine grace as shown by Mephibosheth?

Day 4 - Personal Response

9. Think about somebody that needs to be shown the kindness of Jesus. How will you be the David to their Mephibosheth today? How will you show somebody that needs grace today the grace that Jesus showed you? Meditate on this and write an answer or challenging personal question below.

Day 5 - Cross Reference

10. Let's read about David's commitment mentioned in question 1. Read 1 Samuel 20:1-16 (with emphasis on v. 15). Now reread 2 Samuel 9:1. Talk about the connection between these two sets of verses and discuss David's commitment.

Day 6 - Closing Thoughts and Reflections

As you've had time to meditate on this week's passage, write down any closing thoughts and/or list ways this passage has challenged you. How are you going to take the application from Day 5 and make it a tangible application for you? What are some additional things that you'd like to share with your group? These are just a few ideas to jot down as you close out this week.

Notes from the Teaching

Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

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Lo-Debar was situated in Gilead, on the eastern side of the Jordan River. More specifically, the city belonged to the tribe of Gad and occupied the eastern portion of Gilead, positioned just south of the Sea of Galilee. It functioned as a non-Israelite city-state in the Transjordan region, lying north of the Yarmuk River near its watercourse.

The settlement lay in proximity to Mahanaim and north of the Jabbok River, which helped establish its northern location within Gilead. Geographical boundaries described in Joshua 13:24–28 reference the territory “from Mahanaim to the border of Lidebir” (an alternate spelling), which scholars interpret as marking the southern and northern limits of the former territory of half-Manasseh. This positioning places Lo-Debar in the northern reaches of Gilead, making it strategically important during biblical history.