

Read 1 Samuel 9:1-25 and explore together what the passages reveal about:

1) The character and purposes of God? 4) Our identity in Christ?

2) The fallen human condition? 5) Our obedience to Christ?

3) The gospel of Jesus Christ? 6) Our relationship to others

Replicable Questions

When Mess Meets Mercy: the Gospel of 1 Samuel

“Quiet Providence”: 1 Samuel 9:1-25

**Big Idea:** God’s providence works in small details to display his mercy and compassion.

**Sermon Outline**

* Providential Backdrops (vv. 1-4)
* Mundane Mysteries and Minor Characters (vv. 5-14)
* A Mercy Revealed (vv. 15-17)
* Discovering Grace in a Thousand Mercies (vv. 19-25)
* Providence and Mercy: What is Ours

Sermon Outline

Have each participant identify a personal take-away in light of this study.

Is there . . .

• a command to obey? • a beauty to behold? • a mission to fulfill?

• a promise to claim? • a truth to believe? • an example to follow?

• a sin to repent of? • a service to render? • a person to tell?

Application: “So, what now?”

Intersection: How does the text intersect with our lives?

* Do you think God only works in the major events of life or also in the ordinary mundane moments? Why do we often categorize his providence to only our life’s highlights?
* What do we miss out when we stop considering God’s grace in the everyday workings of life?
* How can our testimonies be stories of providence? Have we every considered the many quiet workings of mercy in our lives? If so, how?

Sermon Scripture References

Is. 43:19; Ps. 57:2; Is. 26:12; Rom. 8:28; Jn. 13:7

Sermon Description

Life is filled with ordinary moments of mundane movements. Our day-to-day rituals are filled with the expectant schedules of our planning and our minds often wander into thoughtlessness and fantasy. The Christian life is not excused from the everyday mundane; but it has been given a glimpse into the deeper work of Christ plays in a thousand places.

Our passage this week reveals God’s handiwork of quiet providence. In chapter 9, a chapter filled with the everyday mundane workings of life; a farmhand son, lost donkeys, and a lot of walking, we discover upon closer inspection an intricately woven chain of events where God’s mercy is given to a distressed people. God has not turned away from hearing the cries of His beloved Israel and though they turned their backs on Him, he continues to show compassion in His quiet providence and mercy.

Text Insights

Missional Community Study & Discussion Guide

Week of March 7, 2021

Discussion Primer

How involved do you believe God to be in the ordinary details of your life? Would a survey of how God’s deals with His people in Scripture confirm or challenge/correct your belief?

Leader Tips