

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement V · Open Hands That Are Traps

The Gift with a Rumor Attached

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

2 SAMUEL 16:1 And David had passed on a little from the top. And behold, Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, came to meet him with a team of saddled asses, and on them two hundred loaves and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruit, and a skin of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, What are these to you? And Ziba said, The asses are for the king's household to ride on, and the bread and the summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine for the wearied to drink in the wilderness.

3 And the king said, And where is the son of your lord? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, Today the house of Israel will turn back to me the kingdom of my father.

4 And the king said to Ziba, Behold, to you is all that is Mephibosheth's. And Ziba said, I bow myself; may I find favor in your eyes, my lord, O king.

READ ALONG: 2 Samuel 16:1–4; 19:24–30

Follow along

1. What did Ziba bring, and what did he say about Mephibosheth?

2. What did David decide, and how quickly?

3. What was David's situation when Ziba met him?

4. When has a gift made you more willing to believe someone's story?

5. Why do people attach accusations to help?

6. Is it fair to judge someone before you hear their side? Why do we do it anyway?

7. Who did you believe something about because of who told you?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

What rumor came with your last gift?

- 1. Whose side have you not heard yet?
- 2. What did you hand over in a hurry that belonged to someone else?

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes