

Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
September 11, 2022 – ESC Worship Service



Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 9

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “The Kingdom of Kindness” (P. Joe)

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for the Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- Welcome to our VCEFC! If you like us to connect with you, please email us at hello@vcefc.org and someone from our care team will reach out to you.
- Half day of prayer for our congregation. Saturday October 29th 9am –11:30am at the Fellowship Hall. Join us to pray and listen for God’s voice together.
- Adult Sunday School Class on “**The Epistle to the Ephesians II**” meets every Sunday @11:15am. Course description: The course will explore and contemplate though apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the mystery and the goal of salvation that God the Father achieves through his Son Jesus Christ. To register for the course, please email Hansel Wang at hchwang@telus.net .

Benediction

Ephesians 3:17–19

– (May) Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints, how wide and long and how high and how deep is the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

Sermon Reflection Questions

To begin:

Have you ever been the recipient of a random act of kindness? Or have you and your friends or family members planned a random act of kindness for someone? What was that experience like?

1. What stuck out to you as you read 2 Samuel 9?

2. David's desire to show kindness to Mephibosheth was the fulfillment of a promise that he made to both Jonathan and Saul:

- 1 Samuel 20:14-17

- 1 Samuel 20:42

- 1 Samuel 24:21-22

David was faithful to his covenant with Jonathan. What is the difference between covenant and a contract? Do you find it hard to be a person of your word and to keep promises? Why or why not?

3. How is the story of David's kindness to Mephibosheth a picture of the gospel?

4. How willing are you to forgive and be kind to someone who has hurt you? How well does your kindness reflect true forgiveness?

5. How does the gospel allow us to be generous to others?

6. How can we become better at seeking opportunities to be kind to others?

