

3. David's triumph over Ammon and Syria shows the courage for spiritual victory. (2 Samuel 10)

Table Talk

- 1) How do we see the hand of God in geopolitics in David's day? Why do you suppose there were no superpowers at that time? What encouragements does that give us? (8:1-3)
- 2) Does the killing of the Moabites disturb you? Why or why not? (8:2)
- 3) How is David's kindness to Mephibosheth unusual? What are some ways that you can demonstrate unusual kindness as a way of building God's kingdom rather than your own? (chapter 9)
- 4) What is the current state of our understanding of manliness in our culture? How was it understood in David's day? What role did having a beard have in Hebrew culture? What might be some comparable ways for Christian men to demonstrate true manhood today? (10:5)
- 5) What was Joab's battle strategy against the forces of Syria and Ammon? (10:9-14) What role does courage have in making a strategy successful? For what do we need courage in our strategy as a church? (10:12)