

1 & 2 SAMUEL STUDY SERIES

The Ark

Week of March 8: 2 Samuel 6

Observation

1. What stands out to you as you read this passage?
What questions do you have?
2. Take a look at each of the key people in the text (David, Uzzah, Michal and Obed-edom). What did they do and what was the outcome?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text?
Things to look for:
 - repeating words and phrases
 - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
 - contrasts and comparisons
 - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
 - cause and effect relationships
 - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
 - grammar
 - larger themes in the passage
 - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. Why do you think that things went well for certain people (David and Obed-edom) and not for others (Uzzah and Michal)?

2. Look at David's actions in particular in this passage. What were his motivations?

3. What do you think that David might have learned about God through these events?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. How do we think about God's holiness today? What difference does an understanding that God is holy make in our lives?
2. In some ways, this passage may leave us with more questions than answers. How do you respond when you don't fully understand what God is doing in your life?

Suggestion for Prayer

Read Psalm 99 together. Spend some time thanking God for who he is.

The Lord Our God Is Holy

99 The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!