

## Growth Group Questions

Series: 2 Samuel

Sermon: 2 Samuel 21:1-14 -- *From Gibeon to Golgotha*

### Warm Up:

This chapter begins the epilogue of the book and thus the material that we see here is not chronological but thematic. They are the final impressions the author wants to leave us with as we think about how David's Kingdom and the Kingdom of God relate. This particular story is very hard, and a bit confusing, so let's be gracious as we interact and not be afraid of having our frameworks challenged.

### Explore:

Vs 1-2

Why are the Israelites suffering famine? (See Joshua 9 for background)

What do you think of the idea that generations later Israelites are being held responsible and suffering the consequences of Saul's behavior?

How does this fit with the Bible's broader teaching about corporate sin & guilt & consequences?

Vs 3-9

What do you think David means by *make atonement*?

What do you think is the motivation behind the Gibeonites suggested solution? (NOTE: this is not God's suggested solution but the Gibeonites)

When you get to the end of vs 10 --- How are you feeling as a reader?

Why do you think we are told about what David did with these men's bones before we hear God's final response at the end of verse 14?

### Think it Through:

How does this passage make you feel?

How does this passage help us understand the cross?

How does it push us towards the hope of the Gospel?