

Gunpowder, Treason, and Plot
2 Samuel 14:21-15:12
April 18, 2021

I. The Gunpowder (14:21-33)

- A. A dysfunctional family does not fully _____ for past offenses.

- B. A loving God will never _____ His children (Isaiah 49:14-16, Psalm 27:9-10, Hosea 11:8-9).

- C. A dysfunctional family teaches _____ as a necessary evil.

- D. A loving God teaches _____ as a necessary virtue (2 Cor 4:1-2).

II. The Treason (15:1-6)

- A. A dysfunctional family teaches _____ as the best defense.

- B. A loving God teaches _____ as the only vindication (Isaiah 50:4-9).

III. The Plot (15:7-12)

- A. A dysfunctional family absolves no one of personal _____ (Jeremiah 9:4-6, 12-14, 23-24).

- B. A loving God is the _____ the world wants but can never give.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 14:21-15:12.
2. List and discuss examples of dysfunction in David's family in this reading as well as the previous two chapters. What does a dysfunctional family seem to do to people's behavior and perception of God?
3. Does partial reconciliation, as David attempted in verse 24, ever work? Why? Does God ever give partial reconciliation? Why?
4. How has your family upbringing impacted the way you communicate, whether good or bad? How has it impacted your perception of God's character?
5. Read Hosea 11:8-9.
6. Share examples of how God's character comforts you in the face of the character flaws of other people as well as yourself.
7. Pray for each other, that you would all pursue God's character and not dysfunctional character. Consider attending tonight's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 54-57

April Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:5-7

Philippians 1:9,10

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before Easter, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last 4/11—9/5/21. Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for the Lord to send us the right people for all the staff openings at the church this year.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety or employment issues because of COVID
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. (ability to return to Thailand)
 - Jules Spencer (ability to go to Thailand)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Dick T. (aunt, Rosia & sister, Faye), Family of Victoria A., Paul and Barbara B. (daughter Paula), Ann T. (son-in-law, Steve), Raul O. (mother, Josie), Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T.
- Those struggling with health issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possible dialysis), Don R. (sciatica pain), Harry and Pam D. (ongoing care-giving needs), Phyllis W. (still in the hospital, but looking for a rehab facility), Korrena C. (due to car accident), Jamal B. (home, but dealing with a slight stroke), Debbie B. (severe back pain)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Brenda R. (in ICU, has a viral infection but still receiving some help with breathing), Darlene R. (successful abdominal hernia repair), Gary L. (hip replacement)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Julia B.
- Others that you are aware of