



Community Group Questions

2 Samuel - In Search of the King, Part II

Great David's Greater Son – 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Focus

While David desires to build a house for God, God reveals that actually He'll be the one building a 'house' for David as part of His gospel plan to save humanity through the gracious gift of King Jesus. The passage reminds us that God is the primary actor throughout history, and that all the world is a stage for the display of His glory in Jesus. We should, therefore, marvel and receive the grace of God to us in Jesus who is our forever King.

Opening Questions

- Do you have a favorite passage in the Bible? What is it?
- Before listening to Sunday's sermon, what would you have said is the most important passage in the Old Testament?

Read

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

What does David want to do for God? Why do you think he might want to do this?

What reasons does God give for rejecting David's proposed building-project?

Why do you think God didn't allow David to build him a temple, but did instruct Solomon to build him a temple? What was the difference?

Read Genesis 12:1-3. Do you hear any echoes of Genesis 12 in 2 Samuel 7? What might this imply?

When God promises to build a 'house' for David, what does He mean by the word 'house'?

As you study the promises that God makes to David in verses 10-16, be careful to pay attention to the different time periods and people to whom they apply.

- Which promises are specifically for David and his lifetime?



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- Which promises are for the immediate generations after David – particularly for Solomon’s lifetime?
- Which promises go far beyond any human, earthly kingdom?

Closing Reflection and Application

What do you think about the idea of someone wanting to do something great for God?

What does this passage teach us about who God is and what He’s like? What might be some of the implications of that for our lives and ministry? (See also Acts 17:28-29 and Psalm 50)

What does this passage teach us about God’s plan, God’s grace, and God’s love?

Are you ever in danger of thinking that the world and history is anything other than a theatre for God’s glory and the unfolding of His plan of salvation in Jesus? What can you do maintain this right focus?

Most scholars agree that this is one of the most important – if not the most important – chapter in the Old Testament. Given what we’ve seen so far and what you know about the rest of the Bible, why do you think so many people have made that claim? (To answer that, you might like to consider passages like Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:35-38; Acts 2:22-36; 2 Tim. 2:8; Rev. 5:5.)

In your own words, why is it right to see David as the vital link between Abraham and Jesus?

How does considering these things increase your trust in the faithfulness of God? What practical difference does knowing that God is faithful make in your life?

As you reflect on this chapter, how does it point you to Jesus and help you to love and worship Him?