

2 Samuel 7:8-17 Discussion Questions

Sermon Outline

Intro

- Why we do Family Worship Weekends?
 - Discipleship is both show and tell. Family Worship Weekends provide the opportunity for the adults of the church to show elementary and middle school students what the worship and pursuit of Jesus looks like.
 - Reminding adults of the responsibility of discipleship being more than self-discipline.
- The art of gift-giving
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Pretext

- Previous stories during Family Worship Weekend all had leaders who needed God's help during difficult situations
 - Feb- Andrew taught Moses' conversation with God when Egypt refused to let them go
 - May- Joshua needing God's help after losing a battle
 - July- Gideon needs God's help against an enemy army
- David is resting and decides to do something for God
 - 2 Samuel 7.1-3
- God rejects David's offer and offers a promise to David

God Makes a Promise to David

- Starts the promise with a reminder of his goodness, faithfulness and power
- Promises to David and his generation
 - I will make your name great
 - I will provide an established place of rest free from enemies

God Makes a Promise Bigger Than Just David

- The conversation shifts from just David and his generation to the generation that is to come
- God himself will do this

- Not building a physical house, but a generational dynasty
- A child David does not yet have
 - Not using what David already has, but bring the promise through someone not yet known
- Establish his kingdom forever
- I will be his father, he will be my son
- I will punish sin, but not remove my love

Implication 1- God Always Keeps His Promises, Even When it Doesn't Seem Like It

- Matthew 1:1
- Praying for students

Implication 2- God Uses Us to Keep His Promises

- 2 Samuel 7.17
- God usually works for through human representatives to declare and fulfill his promises
- Invite people to serve in Children's and Student Ministry
 - Opportunities to Serve in Children's Ministry
 - Saturday nights- 17 opportunities to serve
 - Sunday at 9 AM- 10 opportunities to serve
 - Sunday at 11 AM- 16 opportunities to serve
 - Opportunities to Serve in Student Ministry
 - Middle School- 2 male group leaders
 - High School- 1 female group leader, 2 male group leaders

Discussion Questions

Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture and faithfully apply it to their lives.

Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17

1. In this passage we find that David wants to build God a house (a temple) because he feels guilty that he lives in a palace and God's presence resides in a tent. But God responds to David in an interesting way.

First, he basically says, who are you to build me a house? In all my dealings with Israel and its leaders, I've never told anyone to build me a house.

Second, he says, actually I'm going to build you a house (a lineage).

a. What does this exchange between God and David reveal about David?

b. What does it reveal about God?

c. So, on one hand God will not permit his people to think that he needs them or that they can do something for him that he cannot do for himself; and on the other hand, God graciously blesses in unexpected ways those who honor him. How have you seen and experienced the two aspects of God's character?

2. Perhaps the most extravagant and surprising aspect of God's promise to David is that David's line will continue and that God will treat David's son like his own son. This speaks to the reality that God's blessings to us are not just for us: they are also for others that come after us. In other words, we are blessed to be a blessing, and God's favor can extend from one generation to the next. These are truths that run through the biblical narrative.

a. How do these truths affect the way you think about investing in the next generation? What does it mean to you that God's promises to you can extend beyond you to the people that you serve and love in his name, especially those you disciple (e.g. your children, mentees, etc.)?

b. How have you seen this play out in your own life? Who have been your spiritual mentors and how have you seen the fruit of their spiritual legacy in your own life?

c. How are you seeking to share God's blessings toward you with the generation after you?

3. One of the most challenging things about this passage, for those who are familiar with the rest of the OT history, is that given the exile to Babylon and the lack of a legitimate Davidic king after that time, it sure seems that God's promise had failed. How did God end up fulfilling his promise to David? How did God end up establishing David's house, kingdom, and throne forever?

a. This leads us to realize that while God always fulfills his promises, he often does so in ways that surprise us or defy our expectations. How have you seen this to be true in your own life?

4. Another interesting thing about this passage is that it highlights the fact that while human beings tend to be more focused on building physical houses, God is more concerned on building spiritual ones.

a. What does it mean to be more concerned with building spiritual houses than physical ones?

b. How do we keep from prioritizing building physical houses over spiritual ones?

5. Given the emphasis on God's promises and blessings extending to future generations, take some extra time to pray.

a. Pray for the spiritual wisdom and strength to be a conduit of God's blessings to the next generation.

b. Pray specifically for the significant relationships with those of the next generation that God has currently entrusted to you. Pray for them by name. Pray that you might be a means of blessing and grace to them and that you would be a life-giving influence on them.

c. Pray for the Church (KHC and the church in general) that we might be faithful to serve and disciple younger generations and that they would embrace saving faith in Jesus.