

2 Kings 7:3-11 Discussion Questions

Sermon Outline

- **Introduction**
 - Prayer for those who need to hear the message of Jesus
 - No cost too high story
 - Rule #1 of Biblical Interpretation
 - ***We must first understand what a text meant for the original audience before we apply its meaning to ourselves.***
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- **Defining the Son of God**
- Luke 1.26-35
 - Whose son is this?
 - What does the Son of God actually mean?
 - ***An individual or group (human or spiritual) with special relationship to God, who display his character and nature, rule with God's delegated authority, and serve His will.***
 - **Other Sons**
 - **Adam**
 - Luke 3.38
 - Spiritual Beings
 - Job 1.6
 - Job 2.1
 - Israel
 - Exodus 4.21-23
 - Israel's King
 - Psalm 2.1-8
- **The Role of the Son**
 - Genesis 1.26-31
- **Implications**
 - Trust in this Son
 - John 3.16-18
 - Live as those who are guaranteed freedom
 - Romans 8.12-24

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 Luke 1:26-35 and Gen 1:26-31

1. In this sermon we saw how the concept of being a son of God runs throughout Scripture and is applied to various people and groups. In Luke we 1:26-35 we see that Jesus is the Son of God and in John 3:16 that he is the one and only (or unique) Son of God. What were some of the examples of other sons of God that we find in Scripture?

2. Genesis 1 introduces and fills out the concept of sonship for us. The term "likeness" in v. 26 is a sonship term. It speaks of our unique relationship with God and that we were meant to be like God, to resemble Him in some way. The term "image" speaks to our role as God's royal representatives.

a. What does Gen 1:26-31 teach us about what it means to be God's son? What was God's son supposed to do?

b. Based on what we see in Genesis 1 about what a son of God was meant to be and do, what sets Jesus apart from Adam, Israel, and all of the Israelite kings?

3. And now, because of Jesus, we too can live out our callings as children of God. Again going back to Genesis 1, this means we do the following:

(1) Resemble God by reflecting his character (holiness);

(2) Exercise our God-given authority in the same way that God exercises His authority, so that God's world flourishes (resisting evil and cultivating righteousness and justice);

(3) Multiply ourselves and fill the earth with God's image (discipleship).

a. How do these truths deepen or reshape your understanding of what it means to be a child of God?

b. What aspects of Jesus' character are you most struck by? How has this impacted your own life and character?

c. How would you characterize or describe Jesus' leadership? How have you been challenged to imitate Jesus in your leadership?

d. What have you learned from Jesus regarding how to make disciples?
How has that shaped the way you seek to develop relationships and influence others for Christ?

4. How does all of this discussion impact the way you think about Christmas?
What does it look like to celebrate Christmas in a way that reveals God's holiness, justice, and impacts others for Christ?

Take some time to pray for those individuals that you identified last week that need Jesus, and ask God how you can best share Christ with them this Christmas season.