

# Have You Heard the News | The King We Need

## (2 Samuel 7.1-17)

1. Part of human nature is the tendency to be “consistently inconsistent.” In the midst of this kind of situation we all long for peace and stability. Often we look for a leader--a king--that can provide that for us.
  - a. How have you seen and experienced this?
  - b. How does this tendency get us in trouble?
  
2. God has actually offered us all the things we long for through his covenants. The problem is that in order to enjoy these blessings we have to be perfectly faithful to God’s covenant. Only Jesus can do that. That is why Jesus is the only one that can truly provide the peace, justice, and security we need. Only Jesus is the perfect human and the perfect king who keeps God’s covenants, and so makes God’s covenant blessings available. .
  - a. What does this mean for how we, as Christians, engage social, political and civil causes, like the kind that we face today?
  - b. How are you learning to seek the good of your country without putting all your hope in fallible human leaders, institutions or ideologies?
  
3. Part of our struggle here is to recognize that because Jesus is the only one through whom we can experience and enjoy the blessings God offers to humanity, he is our true source of joy. Luke 18:18-30 illustrates this. Read through it.
  - a. The blessings and joy of salvation come at a cost. We must be willing to lay aside anything that hinders us from following Jesus, anything we value more than him.
    - i. What has it cost you to follow Jesus?
  - b. We are all tempted at different times to hold onto something that can take Jesus’ place in our life. What is the thing right now that Jesus is calling you to leave behind, give up, so that you can follow him more fully?
  - c. Has following Jesus been worth the cost? If so, why?
  - d. In what ways have you experienced the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise that those who follow him will receive far more than they give up (vv. 29-30)?