



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ
2 Samuel 7:8-16

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Read 1 Samuel 8:4-9. Consider Israel's demands for a king, and what it showed about who they were and who they worshiped. In your own life, do you place things above God as king(s) in your life? What do you need to do to actually make God the king over your life?
2. How does the book of Judges help us see what kind of king Israel really needed? How does this also point us toward what kind of king and saviour we need? How does David fulfill that need, and how does that point toward how our need is fulfilled?
3. When Israel asked for a king, they were seeking their own selfish desires (see 1 Samuel 8:22). When we choose our leaders, do you ask for leaders who will serve your own personal agenda, or do you pray for leaders who will serve God and do what He commands? How can you tell the difference?
4. Read 2 Samuel 7:9-11. What is the connection between David's kingship and God's covenant promises to Israel (see Deuteronomy 28:7) and Abraham (Genesis 12:7)? What are the ways that God's covenant with David carries the whole big story forward?
5. Read 2 Samuel 2:12-16 and Psalm 72. Which of these promises and prayers were fulfilled in Solomon? Which of these promises and prayers were *not* fulfilled in Solomon? If you were an Old Testament saint, living before the time of Christ, what would these Scriptures tell you about the kind of saviour you should be looking for?
6. Are you comfortable with the idea of Jesus being your "king"? What are some ways that you need to grow in your submission to Him as your king?