

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 28, 2018

This Week's Focus: God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God, and as his people, we should be overflowing with joy and gratitude for the love, faithfulness, and grace he bestows on us through his Son Jesus Christ.

This Week's Text: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

"Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant...But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

Hebrews 9:15, 26-28

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned more clearly about yourself, God, and the mission of God?
- What events prior to chapter 7 resulted in a consolidated kingdom in Israel and made clear to the nation that David's rule was under the direct presence and command of God?
- What idea occurred to David while he enjoyed a season of peace and rest? What do you think motivated David's plans? Discuss how rehearsing the gospel of God's grace leads us to acts of genuine love and worship.
- Read verses 5-8. What does God remind David about himself in these verses? How much more confident can we be today that God is with us even in the midst of our suffering, squandering, and struggling (Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5)?
- What is God reminding David in verses 8-9a?
- What makes 2 Samuel 7 one of the most important passages in all of Scripture? What is a covenant? In what ways are God's "divine covenants" with people different than the covenants we make with one another?

- What does it mean that God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God? What does this reveal about his nature and how he relates to mankind that he created?
- Briefly discuss the covenants God made with Adam (Genesis 3:15), Noah (Genesis 9:8-17), Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 17), and Moses (Exodus 19:4-6, Deuteronomy 7:6-11). How do they highlight God's grace toward sinful humans? What elements of the Davidic covenant coincide with the Abrahamic covenant (verses 9-11)?
- How did God respond to David's desire to build a house for the ark (verses 11b-16)? Who is David's son whom God will later commission to build the temple (1 Chronicles 22)?
- How does David's kingship the instrument by which God's redemptive work reaches its goal?
- Discuss how Jesus Christ, the Son of David, gloriously fulfills the following promises of the Davidic covenant by instituting a new and better covenant in his blood (Luke 22:19-20).
 - The Davidic Covenant cannot be destroyed by death (verses 12-13; Acts 2:25-31)
 - The Davidic Covenant cannot be disbanded by disobedience (verses 14-15; 1 Peter 2:22-25)
 - The Davidic Covenant cannot be dissolved by duration (verses 16-17; Hebrews 1:8)
- How does this passage encourage you to demonstrate and declare the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?