

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 11, 2018

This Week's Focus: God's blessings and victories to David provide a picture of what God would accomplish through Jesus Christ: defeating the enemies of sin, death, and hell and ruling

This Week's Text: 2 Samuel 8

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." **Revelation 4:10-11**

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 is the Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7:1-17), and how is it a continuation of God's promise to Adam (Genesis 3:15) and Abraham (Genesis 15, 17)? What are some ways we see God fulfilling his promises to David in chapter 8? Discuss how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of God's covenant with David.
- What does the narrator want us to learn from this account of the conflicts and conquests of the nation of Israel under David's kingship? Where does the text signal the true hero of this story?
- As Christians, what is the mission that God has called us to? Who is our enemy, and what is our weaponry for the war (Ephesians 6:10-20)?
- How did David model his submission to God in the aftermath of his victories? What was his strategy for victory (Deuteronomy 17:16, Psalm 20:7)? What are some things you have wrongly depended on for success, hope, or security?
- What does it mean that David *dedicated* and *consecrated* the spoils of war to God? How does this illustrate the way we ought to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God under the rule of King Jesus (John 17:14-19)? Does the gospel propel you to humbly obey, praise, and worship Jesus (Revelation 4:10-11)?

- What characteristics of David's kingdom are mentioned in verses 15-18? How do these elements foreshadow the Kingdom of God and reflect the nature of King Jesus (Colossians 2:1-5, Isaiah 9:6-7)?
- Discuss what it means that the Kingdom of God is both a present reality and a future hope (Mark 1:14-15, Revelation 11:15-18)? What is the Church's relationship to the Kingdom of God and King Jesus?
- Share how this passage encourages you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence.