

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 28, 2014

Passage: 2 Samuel 7:1-7 (et al.)

Memory Passage: 2 Samuel 7:12-13

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Sam. 8:1-22.** Why do the people demand a king and what do they expect of this king?
- (b) How does God characterize the actions of His people?
- (c) What 2 things does God command Samuel to do, in spite of Samuel's discontent with the people's request?
- (d) Describe Samuel's warning to the people (vs. 11-19) in one sentence.
- (e) What *should have been* the people's response (cf. v. 9), and what *was* the people's response (vs. 19-20)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Sam. 15:1-35.** In answer to the people's disobedient request, God grants them Saul as their king. Explain what happens in 15:1-9 and what Saul did wrong.
- (b) How does God respond in v. 11, and what does it mean for God to "regret" something (in this case, making Saul king)?
- (c) Compare & contrast (i.e. explain similarities & differences) the Bible's (v. 9) and Saul's (vs. 15 & 20-21) description of what happened.
- (d) What is God's final response (v. 26) and in what predicament does this place the nation of Israel (remember: the king is the representative of the nation, so as goes the king so goes the nation)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Sam. 7:1-11a, 23:5, & Psalm 89:1-4.** What is the state of the nation under David as chapter 7 begins?
- (b) What does David want to do, and what is his motive (v. 2)? Is his motive good or bad?
- (c) How does God respond in vs. 4-11a, and how do God's actions confirm God's faithfulness to His promises to Abraham?
- (d) Even though 2 Sam. 7 does not refer to God's promises to David as a covenant, note how 23:5 & Ps. 89 refer to them.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 49:10 & 2 Sam. 7:11b-17.** To what is God referring when he promises to make David a "house?"
- (b) To whom do vs. 12-15 immediately refer?
- (c) To whom do vs. 12-15 ultimately refer and how does v. 16 prove someone other than Solomon is being spoken of (cf. also Gen. 13:15, 15:4, 17:7-8, Gal. 3:16)?

(d) How do you know that Solomon will not be The Seed promised in Gen. 3 and to Abraham (cf. 1 Kings 11)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Acts 2:22-36, 13:32-37, & John 2:18-22.** These are just 3 references from the NT that help us understand how the NT writers interpreted the Davidic Covenant. Answer the following for each reference:

(b) What doctrines are being taught in these passages and how do they help us understand the ultimate meaning of the covenant God made with David in 2 Samuel 7?

(c) In what ways do these passages connect the Davidic and Abrahamic Covenants to you, a New Covenant believer?

(d) In what ways do these passages reveal the battle between the seed of the serpent and the Seed of the woman?

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The Davidic Covenant