

**Week 8 Discussion Guide – Jesus & David**

*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. – 2 Samuel 7:12*

**Intro Questions:**

* Two lessons ago we talked about how Jesus is greater than Moses, and today we’re looking at how Jesus is greater than David. What is the significance of all these Old Testament heroes pointing to Jesus?
* What is the implication for 21st Century Christians that Jesus is the true King on David’s throne?

**Key Passages:**

* 2 Samuel 7:12 (Core Passage)
* Matthew 21-22

How many different references to David or his life do you see in these chapters?

* Matthew 1:1, Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 5:5

What came to mind as you meditated on these verses this week?

Did God challenge you through anything in these verses?

**Group Discussion:**

* Who where your childhood heroes and what made them your heroes?
* As a group, brainstorm all the attributes and experiences of David’s life that reflect or foreshadow Jesus’ life and ministry.
* What where some of David’s poor uses of power? How did Jesus perfect this use of power?
* Why did God choose David? Why not pick a better man like Joseph (as in the coat-of-many-colors Joseph)?
* Read 2 Samuel 12:1-15. What does this passage tell you about David’s relationship with God?
* Brainstorm some acts of mercy performed by David and Jesus. What do these acts tell us about God?
* What can we learn from Jesus’ and David’s use of power as a model for our own lives?
* What is the culture’s view of the authority carried by our president & political leaders?
* Because Jesus is the King over the church, what difference should that make for us as citizens of His kingdom?
* Are you exercising the level of respect, loyalty, and obedience that Jesus’ authority deserves? What needs to change?

**Action Steps / Application**

* On page 58, you were challenged to ask your pastor what practical difference it should make that you’re a citizen of the Kingdom, not merely members of a church.
* Did anyone have a chance to have this conversation? What was the answer?
* How does that concept affect your life, practically speaking?
* Take a moment and pray God would reveal to you one way that you need to further commit to increase your loyalty, respect, or devotion toward His position as King. Write down your commitment & read it every morning for the next week.