

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- When you think of a king and kingdom, what images come to mind? What stories?
- **Read 2 Samuel 7:8-16.** What repeated or key words do you see in this passage?
- What contrasts (“but” “however”) are highlighted? What are the key elements of the promise God makes to David?
- What seems to be God’s tone here?
- Why do you think the idea of an everlasting kingdom would have been so important to Israel?
- How does God’s promise point forward to Jesus? **Read Luke 1:26-33.**
- At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of the “Son of David.” Why does Jesus’ Davidic identity matter for the meaning of Christmas?
- How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of ancient promises affect your experience of Christmas? Of God?
- **Read Numbers 23:19.** Work on memorizing this verse this week. What does this tell you about God?
- Where in your life do you need to remember that God keeps His promises, even if His timing feels slow or His methods seem confusing?
- How can you hold onto trust in Him? If Christmas is God showing He keeps His promises, how should that shape the way you trust Him in the year ahead?
- How does the story of God promising a kingdom and then sending a baby in a manger to fulfill that promise shape your understanding of God’s character?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does this passage reveal about God?



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Southland Church is committed to helping parents raise the next generation of disciples who KNOW Christ, LIVE like Him, and make Him KNOWN. This guide is meant to help you as a family, particularly those over 12 years old, to discuss the Sunday sermon. You can do this in an evening devotion or over lunch after service.

A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week as challenging or encouraging?
- What's the longest you have ever had to wait for something you really wanted? How did the waiting feel?
- **Read 2 Samuel 7:8-16.** What part of God's promise to King David stood out to you the most? Why?
- In verse 8, God reminds David where He brought him from. Why do you think God does that?
- What does God promise about David's family and future kingdom? How is that different from normal leaders?
- Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. How does David's promise to David point to Jesus? **Read Luke 1:26-33.**
- What surprises you about God fulfilling this huge promise – not through a big king, but a baby in a manger?
- God kept His promise even though it took a long time. What does that teach you about trusting God in your own life?
- In what situation do you need to remember that God is faithful to His promises?
- If Jesus is the forever King, what does it look like to let Him lead your life?
- As a family memorize, **Numbers 23:19.** Recite it together now.
- What is one thing God wants you to do or believe from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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