

The Story: Chapter 13
The King Who Had It All

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**DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX
CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED
INTO TWO SEGMENTS:**

- 1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE
QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY THE
LEADER.**
- 2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX
QUESTIONS:**

Opening Discussion

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

**Big Thought: God's desire to be present
with His people is consistent!**

We see this throughout the story

In the beginning...

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Pastor Kevin reminded us that from the very beginning, God desired to be with His people. He created us and then set us apart from the rest of creation by giving us

authority over all He had created. From the very beginning, we can see His intentions were for a relationship with us.

When you consider God's desire to be present with you and have a relationship with you, what thoughts or feelings does this bring up for you? Where do you see evidence of this desire in your daily life?

In the wilderness...

The Israelites left Egypt and then roamed in the wilderness for about 40 years. Read Exodus 25:8 and Exodus 33:7-10.

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them."

"Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent."

Even when His people were far from where they should be, He longed to be with them. To provide a place for them to encounter Him.

Where have you seen God show up in your wilderness? How has He made His presence known when you have been far from where you should be? How has He created space for you to encounter Him?

In the building of the temple...

Read 1 Kings 6:11-13

“The word of the Lord came to Solomon: “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws, and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people, Israel.””

Pastor Kevin reminded us that the temple was not about a permanent structure, but rather a fulfillment of God’s promise to His people. The promise that He would live among them. And the temple did not just appear. God instructed the Israelites to build it, follow His ways, worship, and offer sacrifices. In true relational form, God invited them to step into the promise and into a relationship with Him.

Where have you seen the fulfillment of God’s promises in your life, past or present? Where is He currently calling you to step into the promises He has for your life? How is He inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him?

In the coming of Jesus...

Read John 1:14 and 14:5-10

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

“Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my

Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the father, living in me, who is doing his work.”

Pastor Kevin reminded us that while the temple reminds us of how God is faithful to fulfill His promises, the coming of Jesus reminds us of His goodness and mercy and that we do not have to offer sacrifice for our forgiveness. Jesus came as the one and only sacrifice we need moving forward.

Jesus came on the scene and changed everything. How has He done the same for you? Share with your group the way the coming of Jesus into your life shifted your life.

In the gift of the Spirit...

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”

After Jesus, His Spirit was made available to His people! It dwells with us continually; always with us.

Where do you see evidence of the work of the Spirit in your life? How do you sense

