

Connect Group Discussion Guide – 3/19/2023

2 Samuel 7 – The Davidic Covenant

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvR0S5fB8AzraGYts4eQfg> (Posted on Monday)

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Opening discussion:

Highlights

- Fast forward after the Israelites entered the Promised Land:
 - Joshua, Judges, Ruth Samuel
 - Judges – leaders who God called for a specific period of time for a certain group of people. Then they would step down
 - Ruth was a gentile to lived in the Promised Land with the Israelites and worshipped Yahweh
 - Samuel – a judge who became a prophet
- The Israelites told Samuel that he was old and his sons weren't following his ways, so they wanted a king like everybody else.
 - They have a King - God
 - God called them to be set apart – to not be like everyone else
 - **Have you ever thought, “I think I want to look like the world. I don't want to be set apart for You, God?”**
- **1 Sam 8:7-8** The Israelite nation has rejected God (Me), not you.
 - Selected Saul to be king – a warrior from the tribe of Benjamin, tall and handsome
 - God said to give them the king they are after
 - He had the pedigree to be king
 - But Saul began to decay
- **1 Sam 16:6-7** God says it's time for a new King
 - Do not consider his appearance or height for I have rejected him
 - People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. **When the LORD looks at you (your heart) what does he see?**
- **2 Samuel 7:1-7** David wants to build a house for God, but God responds have I every asked for a permanent residence. I have always gone where my people are going. Don't you know wherever you go, I will go.
 - God moves through His people, not a building. The same is true today.
 - **Where does God “show up” to you when you're not at the church building?**
 - You are never alone even when you think you are hiding in secret.
- **2 Samuel 7:8-9** There's a shift in the conversation.
 - I'm going to make your name great
 - I will provide a place for you
 - Every king of Israel will come from your family. God is talking about two things at the same time:
 - Human kings starting with Solomon
 - Jesus
- **The Davidic Covenant**
 - A descendent of David (**house**) will sit on the throne (**kingdom**) forever.

- God's love will never disappear
- 400 years pass and the prophets who are raised up start prophesying about the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. Israel as a nation of people is crumbling.
- **Is 11:1-3** There's someone coming full of the Spirit who is going to fix all that is going awry; all that is crumbling
- **Jer 23:5-6** Jehovah Tsidkenu, God is our righteousness
 - Righteousness literally means to walk straight
 - The Israelites weren't walking straight, and we don't today
 - We don't, but because of Jesus we are considered righteous by God
 - We are incapable of meeting the requirements of righteousness. Jesus is the gift from God that covers our sin.
- **Ezekiel 37:24-26** (in Babylon) A NEW Covenant is coming and it will never go away.
 - **What do you think about that you are part of the New Covenant**
 - You get to live out the answer to the Israelites prayers!

Takeaways

- The LORD is wherever you are
 - **Do you ever wish He wasn't?**
 - The LORD never shows up to produce shame, He shows up because He loves you.
 - Shame is from the enemy
 - You are not alone. **What does that mean to you?**
- Your inside matters most. **How does that make you feel...about God? ...about others?**

What do we learn about God and ourselves in the Davidic Covenant?

1. Do you know that God's love never leaves?
2. Where is a place in our life that you need God to move?
 - a. Where do you need to see Him move
3. What do you want God to do new in you?
 - a. Pray about it.
 - b. You don't get to tell God what that is!!

In the Davidic Covenant we see the ultimate plan for King Jesus whose reign is forever.

Prayer