



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, December 4, 2022

PROMISES, PROMISES

A Kingdom of Peace

Read/Reflect

1. Read II Samuel 7:1-17. What motivated David to build a temple for God?
 - He just wanted to do something nice for God.
 - He wanted to ensure God would secure David's kingdom.
 - He felt guilty for losing the ark of God (see chapter 6).
 - He needed to put God in a safe place.
2. Why couldn't God accept David's offer? How is God's counter-offer unimaginably better?

Explore

3. In what ways do you put God in a box for the sake of your own comfort and security?
 - Bargaining with God
 - Meeting God only at church
 - Doing God a favor
 - Making faith only private
 - Keeping the rules
 - Other: _____
4. When have you had to rely on someone's promise? On a scale of 1-10 how good are you at trusting someone's promise?
5. Why would God's promise to establish David's throne forever mean anything to David? How does the promise of Jesus as Saviour of the world relate to God establishing peace in the world?
6. In Hebrew the word for peace is shalom, which also suggests well-being (not just the absence of conflict). How can we show off, already now, the peace that God has completed in Jesus Christ?

Pray

- Pray for people in whose countries there is no peace. (see <https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/> for a map of countries in conflict)
- Pray for wisdom and righteousness so that you can live in the peace of Christ:

⁸ I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly ...¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Psalm 85
