

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for November 19, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### **The King Reigns!**

2 Samuel 5

The wait is over! For David, the journey has been long and hard. It has been more than twenty years since Samuel anointed young David to one day be Israel's king (1 Samuel 16). But now the time has finally come. Hannah's prophetic prayer is being fulfilled: "The LORD will...give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed" (1 Samuel 2:10).

This section of 2 Samuel marks a massively important point in God's redemptive story. God makes David king. He is accepted and acclaimed by all of Israel. God's anointed one takes the throne. His city and home are established, his foes are vanquished, and he rules in the authority and power of God.

Yet, in the full scope of God's promises and purposes, this story is ultimately not about David. All we see in David – his strengths and weaknesses – point us to his greater Son to come. David points us to Jesus! This is especially true in 2 Samuel 5. Yes, God will exalt the horn of his anointed! God will rule over humanity through his King.

#### The King's Reign:

The shepherd and prince of God's people (vv. 1-5)

#### The King's City:

Jerusalem as the temporal and eternal fulfillment of God's Promise (vv. 6-10)

#### The King's House:

Influence in the world and greatness that benefits God's people (vv. 11-12)

#### The King's Family:

Strength in the eyes of the world but in reality, a costly compromise of God's law (vv. 13-16)

#### The King's Victories:

The defender who protects God's people by relying on God's power (vv. 17-26)

#### Applications:

1. King David points us to King Jesus; is He your Shepherd and King?
2. Regardless of opposition or time, God's promises are sure in Christ; are you trusting Him?
3. Faith looks forward to the city whose builder and foundation is Christ: is this your heart's desire?
4. While in this world we face a spiritual enemy who is defeated, but still fierce; so fight the good fight of faith trusting in Christ, our victorious King.

## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### NOVEMBER

20 GS: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30pm  
**21 Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6 pm**  
23-24 Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed  
26 Church Christmas Decorating  
29 BBA Ministry Assistant's Luncheon

#### DECEMBER

1-2 AHG Lock-in  
2 Leaf Clean-up For Seniors @ 8:00am  
3 Children's Christmas Musical @ 6:00pm  
5 BBA Pastor's Christmas Dinner @ 6:00 pm