

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



Worship Guide for April 28, 2024

## Sermon Notes

### **Kingdom Perspective When It Matters the Most**

2 Samuel 23:1-7 (pew Bible pgs. 275-276)

In this passage, David is looking back over his life through the lens of God's Word and His promises. Despite his sin and failures, David still has a covenant relationship with the Lord. He is still a man after God's own heart. And David is aware that his life and his Reign as Israel's King is a part of God's plan that's going somewhere, somewhere wonderful and amazing and beautiful. There's anticipation. David is at the end of his life, but he is hopeful. He is anticipating a divine resolution in the future. It's coming. He knows it's coming. How does he know it's coming? Because God said it!

*"Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."*

2 Samuel 7:11,16

When you come to the end of your life, it's really important to know some key things.

- I. King David knows who he is and whose Kingdom it is.  
He sees every part of his identity in relation to God.
  
- II. King David knows What (Who) matters - God and HIS Word.  
These are David's last words to His people. But he knows they don't need his last words. They need to hear from GOD.
  
- III. King David knows the Hope of the promise of the GREATER KING
  1. The Promised King will reign in Righteousness
  
  2. The Promised King will bring Salvation
  
  3. The Promised King will bring Judgement

## 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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#### APRIL

29 AHG End of Year Awards @ 6pm

#### MAY

2 National Day of Prayer  
3 Membership Class  
4 Student Ministry Yard Sale  
6 Holocaust Remembrance Day  
10 Fisher's of Men Banquet  
11 Women's Ministry Family Event  
11 Piano Recital @ 7pm (Rosin)  
12 Mother's Day  
14 NMS AVID Banquet