

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for May 5, 2024

Sermon Notes

The Promised King

Today we wrap up the sermon series *The Promised King*, that king being David, who prefigures his eternal Son, King Jesus. At the beginning of this series, we heard this quote from John Woodhouse: *The golden thread that holds the whole Bible together, the central message that makes sense of all the details, is this: God has promised. The Bible is of ultimate worth because in it God makes his promise. What is that one promise? God has promised to “bless” the creation he has made and humankind whom he has made in his image.*

That promise was initially made to Abraham (Gen 12:2), an old man who “was a good as dead” (Heb 11:12), yet through whom eventually came descendants “as many as the stars of heaven”.

Fast forward almost 2000 years and we see the ultimate fulfillment unfolding through Abraham’s descendent (Matt 1:1), Jesus, who by his life, death and resurrection is accomplishing God’s plan and purposes to unite all things under Him. (Ps 2, Eph 1:9-10)

So the whole Bible is about our promise-making, promise-keeping God who often fulfills those promises in unexpected, extraordinary ways. Scripture is about a God who makes something out of nothing, life out of death, rich out of poor, somebody out of nobody. For the past 18 months, we have seen how God did this through a historical period that spanned about 440 years. This includes the tumultuous period we see in the book of Judges, the desperate and ultimately uplifting story of Ruth, and finally the reign of God’s promised, chosen, and anointed king, David, who is “*the central human figure in the Bible: he is the crucial link between Abraham and Jesus.*” (J. Woodhouse)

Today as we wrap our series *The Promised King* and recall:

In Judges, We Saw God’s Mercy and How Desperately We Need the Promised King

In Ruth, We Saw God’s Kindness in Providing the Promised King

In Samuel, We Saw God’s Faithfulness in Promising An Eternal King

In Christ Jesus, We See the Promised King and God’s Gracious Salvation (Acts 13:32-39)

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:

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- 2.
- 3.

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10 Fisher's of Men Banquet
11 Women's Ministry Family Event
11 Piano Recital @ 7pm (Rosin)
12 Mother's Day
15 NMS AVID Banquet
16 PHS Senior Awards Program & Rept
18 Armed Forces Day
18 Piano Recital @ 9am (Liggitt)
19 Graduate Sunday
20 Trail Life Awards Program @ 6:30pm
23 Blood Drive - 10:30am-3pm