SUNDAY HANDOUT FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION - Nov. 22nd

The Unstoppable Promise of a Forever King (2 Samuel 7)

When hearts are stirred, people often say they want to do great things for God. But what does that really mean? How do we give to the One who already has everything?

In 2 Samuel 7, King David aspires to do great things for God, but quickly discovers that his plans for God are far too small. God then reveals a plan beyond David's imagination and makes an unstoppable promise that He Himself will bring to pass.

It can be easy to find ourselves preoccupied with what we can do for God, while God often wants us first to marvel at what He has promised to do for us.

1. David's Plan (2 Samuel 7:1-3)

2. God's Better Plan (2 Samuel 7:4-17)

3. David's response to God's promise (2 Samuel 7:18-29)

QUESTIONS (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17. What does David want to do for God and how does God reorient David's expectations?

2. Has there been a time in your life where you have struggled to adjust to God's plan, instead of living out your own?

3. What is so wonderful about the covenant God is making with David?

4. What power is there in a promise? How does a promise influence the way we live our everyday life?

5. How do we know these promises are for us? What are ways that we can take greater hold of the promises we have been given in Christ?

6. Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. What is David's response to God's promise? As we dwell on what God has done for us, what is our response?

7. Why is it helpful for us to pray God's words back to him?