

## SUMMARY AND REVIEW

Take 5-10 minutes to discuss this week's sermon, *The Rise of King David*.

**READ** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 7:1-29

### INTRO TO THE TEXT:

The life of King David dominates the book of 2 Samuel. The narrative of David's life continues with his being favored by God and then crowned king of Israel at the death of Saul. First, David rules (2 Samuel 2:4) over Judah for about 7 years. Then, his kingship is recognized by a unified Israel where he reigns for about 33 years. During this time the capital is moved from Hebron to Jerusalem, where the ark of the covenant is eventually located.

Our first text covers the final anointing as David begins his rule over the united kingdoms of Judah and Israel. Though the focus seems to be front and center on David, these scriptures tell another story of the ark of the covenant as it travels the countryside... a story that that we must not ignore. As we travel over space and time with the ark of the covenant, we can finally join our ancestors in celebration as David brings it to the city of David and places it in a tent. Our second text takes us from a place of rejoicing to one of great humility: David laments that he lives in a palace of cedar while the ark of God remains in a tent. In his sorrow, David has an idea: build a house for God where the Ark of the Covenant and God's spirit can reside. Though a worthy and honorable idea, God has bigger plans than David can imagine.

**RE-READ** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 7:1-29

### ANALYZE THE TEXT

1. Discuss the three reasons given in 2 Sam. 5:1-5 that the northern tribes anointed David there as king?
2. God seeks to make David aware that his role is *not only* to lead His people, but also to establish a lineage that will last forever. For whose sake has David's lineage been blessed? What is the apparent prophecy revealed by God?
3. When David hears of God's plans, he prays a prayer to God. What is David's perspective as he prays?

### APPLY

1. God often seems to choose leaders that we, at times, find unworthy, ill-equipped or simply unexpected. How has this manifested itself in your personal life or in the lives around you? Have you ever been pleasantly surprised at how things have turned out with their leadership?
2. The Scriptures tell us that God is always at work in the world, yet we often find this difficult to believe as we muddle through each day. Have you ever found that some act in your life was more than it first seemed?
3. As believers, we are burdened to honor the Lord by bringing restoration to the world. What are some examples from your own life where you have desired to bring glory to God (in your workplace, home, neighborhood, place of play, etc.) only to realize that you may not be around or be credited with the fruition of that good desire? Were/are you able to still joyfully work towards the good end to which you have been called?

**MEMORIZE** 2 Samuel 7:13