



Beyond Sunday Sermon Bible Study Series

Engage

What are some of the problems you're currently facing in life?

These could be problems in any area of life (family, relationships, finances, self-esteem, etc.)

Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon
What stuck out to you? What questions arose for you from the sermon?
Discuss them together.

Learn

Read Acts 13:13-39

1. *Trace the story of Israel that Paul speaks about here. How does this relate to the sermon series we've been working through? If you had to summarize the story of Israel for your non-christian friend, how would you explain it.*
2. *How does Paul link Jesus with with the story of Israel (v. 23)? How does this relate to what we learned about 2 Samuel 7:11-16?*
3. *What sets Jesus apart from David? How does he fulfil the promises God gave to Israel (see. vv. 38-39)?*

Deepen

The story of the kings teaches us that sometimes the things we think are solutions to our problems are no solutions at all. *Israel thought "If only we have a king then all our problems will be solved." How might God's solutions to your problems differ from your own? When you think of the problems you are currently facing, what do you think God is asking you to do?*

God always delivers on a promise, as we see in Jesus being the fulfilment of God's promise to David to establish an everlasting kingdom.
What are some of the promises that God has spoken over us, his people?

Live

How can you live as though these promises are true? What can you do tomorrow morning to live into the promises that God has spoken over your life?

Reflect on the two categories listed below. How might God be leading you from the column on the left to the column on the right.

Pray for one another and the problems you are facing. Pray into the solutions that you feel God is leading you in.

For your reflection

I want a God that

Makes me happy
Does what I want, when I want
Blesses me
I can figure out & explain
I can control
Keeps me free from pain & trials
Makes me successful
Makes me rich
Requires little of me but gives me much

I need a God that ...

Makes me whole
Does what's right, in his perfect timing
Blesses the whole world
Bigger than human understanding
That's in control
Meets me in my pain and reveals himself
Defines success
Teaches me what truly lasts
Demands all of me, because I was made for him.