

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Week 5 - Day 5: Share the Gospel

This week, we hit the gas pedal and moved through a wide section of scripture! As we reflect on the line of David through Solomon, the long list of kings, the prophets, and the writings, you hopefully by now are seeing why it is **GOOD NEWS** that Jesus comes to us as the promised king! In fact the Old Testament has been pointing this out all along!

Next week we will *break the ice* with Jesus! For now, let's reflect on how the word "gospel" is related to the good news of a king and his victory over an enemy reign. The Bible project is such a helpful resource and their videos on this subject are incredibly well done! Pay attention to the humility of the Messiah (David), what kind of glory the kingdom consists of (Solomon), who the true enemy of this kingdom is, and how the opposing kingdom is ultimately defeated!

Share the Gospel Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmFPS0f-kzs&t=287s>

Community Group Discussion Questions:

At the end of every week, we will be collecting the 2-3 sentences about sharing the gospel so that you can be equipped with brief summaries that explain how each text moves the gospel message of God's kingdom forward! As always, feel free to come up with questions of your own based on your observations and conversations

Question: What observations / reflections / prayers stood out to you about this week?

Solomon: As God's kingdom people today, we can look to Solomon's story and remember that Jesus has given us access to God's heavenly blessing through wisdom and discernment. Instead of seeking God for His benefits, we should seek to be with God and embrace the ways of obedience in God's Kingdom as a response to His love that pursues us and resides in us. When we become a part of God's Kingdom, we become heirs of the King of kings as our bodies become a temple (God's kingdom space where God rules over us)!

Question: What stands out to you the most about the kingdom during Solomon's reign and why? What have you learned about the coming Messiah when you look at David and Solomon?

The Divided Kingdom: Who is this royal descendant of David who will take the everlasting throne over God's people and faithfully keep God's commands? Will Israel ever find a human king like this?

Question: What have you learned through this study in terms of trying to follow the history of Israel (such as the long list of kings)? If there was a book documenting the rest of human history from the end of the Bible to us today, what do you think it would look like or say?

The Prophets: The role of the prophet was to remind Israel that even though Israel fell short and needed to change their ways, God Himself would continue to step in and make everything right at the end. Who in your life needs to hear about the Good Shepherd, the Suffering Servant, the Messiah who will eventually come to make a way for us to be in relationship with God? Who in your life needs to hear that the Kingdom is a good place that God will set everything right?

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The Writings: We long for the kingdom life where sin and suffering are no more! In the meantime, we can rest assured that our King rules over all things and routinely utilizes suffering to bring about His glorious purposes even while we are still sinners!

Question: Out of the writings, which book is your favorite and why? What message do you think it sends to a group of Israelites who are in the Babylonian exile? How have you approached the writings in the past and how have they been challenging for you?