Kingdom Come - WEEK 11: A Kingdom with No End

Home Discipleship Rhythm: Word • Worship • Blessing • Mission

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89; Luke 1:26–38; Psalm 2

Big Idea: Earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but God always keeps His promises. Jesus is the promised King whose kingdom will never end.

For Parents: We live in a world where everything seems to change. Leaders come and go, plans fall apart, and things we thought would last eventually disappear. But God promised David a kingdom that would never end, and He fulfilled that promise through Jesus. This week, help your family discover what it means to trust an unchanging King and live for a kingdom that lasts forever.

WORD - A Promise That Outlasted the Kings

Discover God's faithfulness across generations.
Read 2 Samuel 7:12–16 and Luke 1:30–33 together.

God made an extraordinary promise to King David: someone from his family would rule over a kingdom that would never end. But the years that followed seemed to tell a different story. David died. His son Solomon became king, but eventually he died too. Other kings followed, many of whom disobeyed God. Eventually, Jerusalem was conquered, and there was no longer a king

from David's family ruling on the throne. Had God broken His promise? Not at all! Hundreds of years later, God announced that Jesus would receive the throne of David and reign forever. Unlike every king before Him, Jesus would never lose His kingdom. Through His resurrection, He conquered death itself!

Family Discussion

- Younger Children: What is a promise? Why is it important to keep promises? Does God ever break His promises?
- Elementary Ages: Why might people have thought God's promise to David wasn't going to happen? What does this story teach us about waiting for God?
- Teens: Have you ever had a situation where you wondered what God was doing? How can remembering His faithfulness in the past help you trust Him with your future?

Family Activity: The Things That Didn't Last

Ask everyone to think of something that was once incredibly popular or powerful but has since disappeared or lost its influence. Parents might remember Blockbuster, pay phones, or familiar stores that no longer exist. Kids and teens can think of technologies, popular trends, sports dynasties, or favorite products that have come and gone.

For extra fun, pull up an old family photo album or yearbook and see how many things have changed like hairstyles, clothes, cars, and technology!

Discuss: What do all these things have in common? Why is Jesus' kingdom different? Remember: Everything around us changes, but God's promises never fail.

WORSHIP - The King Who Never Changes

Celebrate the power and faithfulness of Jesus.
Read Psalm 89:1–2 and Psalm 2:6–8.

Psalm 89 reminds us to celebrate God's faithfulness. Even when Israel's kings failed and their kingdom fell, God hadn't forgotten His promise. And Psalm 2 reminds us that no earthly power can overthrow God's chosen King. That's incredible news! We don't have to wonder whether Jesus will someday lose His authority, be defeated by an enemy, or be replaced by another ruler. His reign is secure.

Family Activity: The Unchanging King

Have everyone share three things that have changed in their lives during the past year. They might mention a new school, changing friendships, a new job, growing older, or unexpected circumstances.

Then ask: What are some things about Jesus that will never change? Help your family identify truths such as His love, His holiness, His faithfulness, His power, and His promises. Choose one of those truths and spend a moment thanking Jesus for it.

Worship Idea: Listen to *King of Kings (*Hillsong*)*, *Jesus is King* (Matthew West) or another song that celebrates the greatness and kingship of Jesus. Invite family members to listen for words that describe who Jesus is.

Remember: Our circumstances may change, but our King never does.

BLESSING - You Can Trust the King

Remind one another that our security rests in Jesus.

Read Psalm 2:12. “Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” A refuge is a place of safety and protection. When storms come or danger threatens, people look for someplace secure.

Life sometimes feels uncertain. Friendships change, plans don't work out, and we encounter situations we can't control. But Jesus is a trustworthy King. Those who belong to Him can find security in His care.

Following Jesus doesn't mean life will always be easy. It certainly won’t be. But it does mean that we can trust Him even when it isn't.

Family Activity: What Are You Carrying?

Give everyone a small piece of paper. Ask them to write down or draw one thing they are worried about or one situation they wish they could control. Place the papers in a bowl in the middle of the table. Explain that while we may not be able to change every circumstance, we can bring our concerns to the King who is in control.

Pray over the bowl together, asking God for wisdom, peace, and trust. Families with older children may choose to share their concerns aloud, but don't require anyone to do so. Keep those papers for another time, months down the road, and talk about how God worked in each situation.

Speak This Blessing

> "May you remember that Jesus is your faithful King. When life feels uncertain, may you trust His promises. When you feel afraid, may you remember His power. And when you face difficult choices, may you find the courage to follow Him."

MISSION — Live for What Lasts

Choose to invest your life in the priorities of Jesus' kingdom.

Read Psalm 2:10–12. If Jesus really is the eternal King, that should change how we live today.

Think about how much of our time and energy goes toward things that won't last forever. We chase accomplishments, collect possessions, try to impress people, and worry about our reputations. None of those things are necessarily wrong, but they make poor ultimate priorities.

Jesus invites us to live for something bigger than ourselves. When we follow Him, we have opportunities to invest in things with eternal significance like loving others, sharing the gospel, serving people, and helping others know Christ.

Family Challenge: The Eternal Investment

Together, brainstorm some ways people invest their time and energy. Consider sports, school, work, entertainment, friendships, possessions, helping others, and growing in faith.

Discuss which activities mainly produce temporary rewards and which can also contribute to eternal purposes. Remember, even ordinary activities like school, sports, and work can become opportunities to honor Jesus. Then choose one intentional way your family can invest in God's kingdom this week.

At the end of the week, talk about what you did and how those choices helped reflect the character of Jesus.

Remember: Don't just live for what matters today. Live for what matters forever.

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY REMINDER

God promised David a kingdom that would never end. Centuries passed, kings failed, and circumstances changed. But God was faithful to His word.

Jesus is the promised King, and His kingdom will never end.

Closing Prayer: "Jesus, thank You for being our faithful and eternal King. Help us trust You when life is uncertain, remember that Your promises never fail, and invest our lives in things that matter for eternity. Teach our family to follow You faithfully each day. Amen."