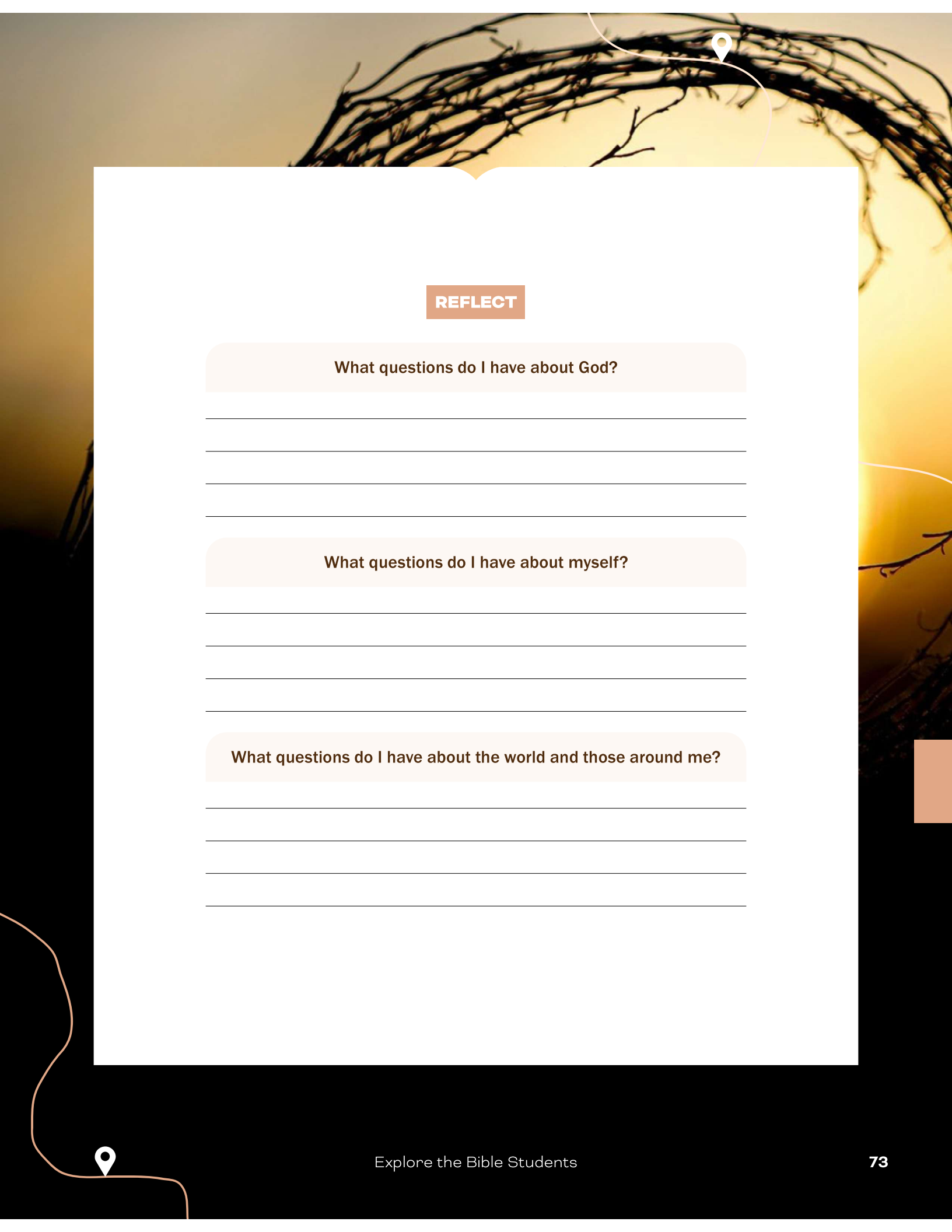


Session 09

God's Promise TO DAVID

CENTRAL TRUTH | God's promise to David points to Jesus, our true King who reigns forever.

We've watched as David was chosen by God to succeed Saul as king, and we studied how God enabled David to defeat Goliath, the champion of the Philistines. David was certainly not perfect, but his heart was set on God: His glory, His kingdom, and His will. It doesn't take long to read David's story in the Bible, but almost twenty years passed between his first anointing by Samuel and his final appointment to king over all of Israel. God had been faithful to David, and today's passage is no different: He promises to make an everlasting kingdom of David's lineage, guaranteeing a descendant that will sit on the throne forever. This promise points to Jesus, our true and eternal King.



REFLECT

What questions do I have about God?

What questions do I have about myself?

What questions do I have about the world and those around me?

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5

¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Here we are, your own flesh and blood.” ² Even while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led us out to battle and brought us back. The LORD also said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be ruler over Israel.’” ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron. King David

made a covenant with them at Hebron in the LORD’s presence, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began his reign; he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

1 CHRONICLES 17:7-10

⁷ “So now this is what you are to say to my servant David: ‘This is what the LORD of Armies says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel.’ ⁸ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. I will make a name for you like that of the greatest on the earth.

⁹ I will designate a place for my people Israel and plant them, so that they may live there and not be disturbed again. Evildoers will not continue to oppress them as they have done ¹⁰ ever since the day I ordered judges to be over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies. “Furthermore, I declare to you that the LORD himself will build a house for you.

1 CHRONICLES 17:11-15

¹¹ “When your time comes to be with your ancestors, I will raise up after you your descendant, who is one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹² He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³ I will be his father, and he will

be my son. I will not remove my faithful love from him as I removed it from the one who was before you. ¹⁴ I will appoint him over my house and my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever.” ¹⁵ Nathan reported all these words and this entire vision to David.

Day 01

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5



Refer to page 5 for a description of the 7 Arrows of Bible Reading.

📍 READ & RESPOND

David, the shepherd boy anointed king so many years ago, would finally shepherd the flock of Israel. In this passage, the tribes of Israel recognized him as their king and leader. David knew this moment would happen for a long time, but he waited on God's timing. Through his service to Saul, his leadership on the battlefield, and prophecy, David gained respect of the people. He didn't win the crown through battle or manipulation, but by waiting on the Lord. He trusted God would do what He had promised—so he waited. Our “waiting rooms” can feel like punishment sometimes, but God's promises don't have an expiration date. He will do what He promises, so like David, be faithful while you wait.

↑ How does David's coronation prove God keeps His promises, even when there's a wait?

↓ David waited years to take the throne. What does his patience teach us about our own desire for “instant” success?

↻ Ask God to help you trust His timeline and prepare your heart for what He has planned.

📍 MEMORIZE

Write out **1 Chronicles 17:14** on a notecard. Read the passage out loud five times. Next, read it in a whisper five times. Finally, say it in your head with your eyes closed five times.

📍 PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your perfect timing. When I feel impatient, remind me that You are building my character. Help me to serve others faithfully while I wait for Your promises to unfold.

Day 02

1 CHRONICLES 17:7-10

READ & RESPOND

Today's passage introduces the Davidic Covenant. Before making promises about the future, the Lord revisited the past to remind David of His constant faithfulness. While David wanted to build a temple for God, the Lord redirected him; David's son, Solomon, would be the one to build the physical house. However, God's plan was far greater than a building. He promised to establish David's family line forever—a messianic promise fulfilled centuries later. Through David's descendants, God would send His own Son, Jesus, as the Savior of the world. Even when God says "no" to our specific plans, it is often because He is building something much more eternal.

 What exactly did God promise to do for David in these verses? Underline or write out God's promises.

 How does God's desire to "build a house" for David show His character?

 Why does God choose to use ordinary people to fulfill His extraordinary plans?

MEMORIZE

Write out **1 Chronicles 17:14** on a piece of paper or notecard. On the back, write only the first letter of every word. Keep attempting this until you can use only the first letters to say the verse comfortably.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for being the architect of my life. Help me trust Your timing over my own ambitions. May I find my identity in being Your child.

Day**03****1 CHRONICLES 17:11-15** **READ & RESPOND**

While David hoped to build a physical temple for God, the Lord had a much bigger plan. God promised that David's son, Solomon, would build the temple, but He also promised to establish an eternal throne through David's lineage. This was a direct reference to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is called the "Son of David." David wanted to build a house where God could stay near, but God chose to build a royal dynasty through which Immanuel ("God with us") would come. Instead of a building made of stone, God provided salvation and an eternal dwelling place through Jesus, who rules over God's kingdom forever.

 What promise did God make to David regarding his descendants and his kingdom?

 Knowing David was a flawed man, what does this tell us about God's ability to use "imperfect" people for a perfect purpose?

 Since God has a plan for David's line that ends in Jesus, how should that influence the way you view your own future?

 MEMORIZE

Instead of writing out **1 Chronicles 17:14** in words, draw the verse using icons or symbols. Translating the passage into images helps you to process the meaning of the words.

 PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness that stretches across generations. Help me to trust Your long-term plans even when I can't see the finish line. May I find my security in Your promises today.

Day 04

PSALM 110:1-7

READ & RESPOND

Psalm 110 is a messianic psalm where King David describes the future rule of his “Lord,” Jesus Christ. In Israel’s history, kings and priests were of separate tribes—kings came from Judah and priests from Levi. However, Jesus uniquely holds both offices. By bringing together Davidic royalty and the priesthood of Melchizedek, this psalm points to the Messiah as the ultimate King-Priest. Since the fall, Yahweh has been working to reestablish His rule over the earth, a mission He will complete through Christ. This prophecy anticipates the day when God fully reconciles all things to Himself through Jesus’s perfect work.

 Who is the “Lord” speaking to, and what kind of power is being described?

 What does this psalm reveal about God’s long-term plan to defeat evil and restore His rule?

 How does acknowledging Jesus as your King change your daily priorities?

MEMORIZE

Record yourself reading **1 Chronicles 17:14** different ways: (1) in a normal voice, (2) in a whisper, (3) as fast as you possibly can. Can you think of other ways? Be sure to listen back to the recordings throughout the week.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for being my eternal King and Priest. I surrender my desire to control my own life. Rule over my heart, defeat my pride, and help me live today under Your perfect authority.

Day**05****ACTS 2:29-36** **READ & RESPOND**

In his sermon at Pentecost, Peter boldly shares the gospel, quoting the messianic Psalm of David we studied yesterday to prove that Jesus is the Messiah King they had been waiting for. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to have a descendant of David on the throne forever. Jesus is the one true King who will sit on the throne forever. This powerful realization cut the crowd to the heart, leading to the conversion of over three thousand people in a single day.

 What does Peter claim about David's tomb and Jesus's resurrection?

 How does this passage show God keeping the promise He made to David in 1 Chronicles 17?

 How can you share the news of Jesus's resurrection with a friend who feels hopeless?

 MEMORIZE

Rewrite **1 Chronicles 17:14** in today's modern language. You could even text-speak it, but be sure to keep the theology accurate! Paraphrasing in everyday language ensures we comprehend what we're trying to memorize.

 PRAY

Jesus, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to David. Help me recognize that You are my true King.