Session 09 | **KEY TEXT**: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 1 Chronicles 17:7-15

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

CENTRAL TRUTH

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, who reigns forever.**

KEY QUESTION

What assurance did God give David? How does this passage point to the prayer of Jesus?

God's promise to David looked beyond his sons and into the very distant future: God was talking about a descendant whose kingdom would last forever. David believed God (see 1 Chronicles 17:16-27) because he believed God had the power to do what He promised. And though it seemed like a good idea to build God a house on earth, God's better plan for an eternal kingdom ruled by David's descendant was much bigger. As we bring our own requests to the Lord, maybe consider that our good ideas may take us away from God's lasting, perfect, eternal plans. As we pray for God's kingdom to come (see Matthew 6:9-12), may we mean it: His kingdom is forever, and His plans can see that where we can't.

KEEP IN MIND

- As believers today, we don't need to go to a temple to worship the Lord. So, the concept of a temple may be foreign to students. Using the **Theology Note** to guide you, help students to understand what the purpose of a temple was in the Old Testament.
- More than likely, there will be students in your group who have not read passages in **1 or 2 Chronicles**. They may even have trouble finding it in their Bibles. Be sure to take time to help them locate where these books are and use the Context Note in this session to give them an overview of why these books were written.

APPLICATION

- **God made an amazing promise to David; what has He promised you? Read James 1:5 and Philippians 1:6 this week and ponder those promises.**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Jesus, our true and eternal King, is worthy of worship.

FOR THE LEADER: Once again, we find God faithful to the promises He made to His people. Encourage students to reflect on God's faithfulness this week and celebrate Him in creative ways.

7 ARROWS

- What does this passage say?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?