



PASS Questions:

P (Participation) - Why can it be hard to follow through with promises or commitments?

A (Application) - How can we remember that Jesus is fully committed to us?

S (Scripture) - Read Mark 1:15. What do you normally think about when you think about the kingdom?

- Follow-up: Today's message asked us to look at Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom and consider he is declaring that He is King and, accordingly, that God is faithful and is true to His Word and promises (2 Sam. 6:16) - what changes if we keep that as the focal point?

S (Sharing) - In the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13), it says, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done..." Are there aspects of your life where you feel like you are trying to build your own kingdom?



Notes:

Overview of 2 Sam. 9

David makes good on his promise (1 Sam. 20:12-17) to his deceased friend, Jonathan, by showing loving-kindness to Jonathan's crippled son, Mephibosheth (backstory - 1 Sam. 31 & 2 Sam. 4:4). David invites "Phibs" to live in his house forever. He holds true to his word to Jonathan.

Main Message Points

1. Between Jesus' birth and his cross, Jesus' message and mission is the kingdom (Mark 1:15). Jesus doesn't outright say he is the King. It is something for people to figure out.
2. Jesus coming as King is a fulfillment of God's promise to David (2 Sam. 6:16). Thus, as David made good on his promise to "Phibs", God makes good on his promised plan, not only to David, but to Abraham. Jesus is the fulfillment of both promises.
3. In other words, when we read the story of Phibs, we are challenged to realize that rather than just emulating the loving-kindness of David, we should recognize that we are all Phibs.
4. We are crippled by sin, but King Jesus invites us in. Unlike Phibs who remains crippled, Jesus rescues us from sin (Col. 1:13-14). Even though we are rescued from sin, it doesn't mean that sin isn't our enemy anymore. More than ever - after accepting Jesus' invitation to follow - are we targets of sin.
5. We are not the king. We should follow Jesus' example of prayer, particularly in asking, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We are saying that it is not about our own personal kingdom (comfort, desires, plans, etc.), but the kingdom of God. When we first come to Christ, there is excitement. Over time, that can fade. We are called to forever remember our position as beneficiaries and servants of the loving King.
6. We are sent out by the King. We are all ambassadors of Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-6:1). Our message is that even though we are Phibs, we have a King who gave up His life for us, invited us in, continues to transform and change us, and then sends us out to tell the world.