

King of Kings

Small Groups Weekly Bible Study

August 5 - 11

Personal - 5 – Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Theme: Living Out Our Adoption

Warm-Up Questions:

What was most challenging for you from Pastor Greg’s message when you think about the life God has given you?

How did it feel as a child to be chosen for some particular team?

Observation and Interpretation Questions:

Read Jeremiah 1:4–8 God’s Plan

1. How do you respond to the idea that God knew you before you were born (verses 4-5)?
2. Why do you think people so often concentrate on what they lack (verse 6)?
3. How does God’s response serve to reassure you of His presence (verses 7-8)?

Read Luke 18:24-30 – Jesus’ Focus

1. Why did Jesus say what He did about the rich in his audience (verses 24-25)?
2. What do you think the crowd meant by their statement in response (verse 26)?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus shifted their focus (verse 27)?
4. How might Jesus’ words provide assurance to us in time of loss (verses 29-30)?

Read Ephesians 1:4-6 – Paul’s Reminder

1. What does it mean to you to know that you were chosen by God (verse 4)?
2. Why do you think Paul stresses the idea of our “adoption as sons” (verse 5)?
3. Why do you think Paul used the image of acceptance in the Beloved (verse 6)?

Application Question:

1. How are you going to let the existence of miracles challenge your thinking this week?
2. What can you do to make the reality of God’s miracles a bigger part of your lifestyle?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us a fresh awareness of what it means for us to have been called by You before we were born, and to have been adopted by You into Your forever family.

Talk & Pray with one another about how you can Join Jesus on His mission in your own lives this week, using the questions on the back, and pray for one another about any personal concerns or praises you have.



Going Deeper

What is your immediate reaction to the Pastor Greg's statement:

"God's power is greater than your past. Your past is fuel for your passion."

Read Luke 19:2-4. Zacchaeus' Predicament

What were some of the obstacles Zacchaeus had to overcome to get a look at Jesus?

Read Luke 19:5-6. Jesus' Invitation

How do you suppose Zacchaeus might really have felt when he heard Jesus' words?

Read Luke 19:7. Crowd's Reaction

Why did the crowd try to redirect Jesus' attention to Zacchaeus' past?

Read Luke 19:8. Zacchaeus' Response

How can you tell that there had been more than a superficial change of heart in Zacchaeus?

Read Luke 19:9-10. Jesus' Affirmation

What special significance do you see that Jesus meant by declaring him a "son of Abraham?"

Share about when you realized that God could use something negative in your past for His glory.

Prayer: Father, help us accept that You do still perform miracles today and that You call us to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that can only be explained as miraculous.