

# The Promised King

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes*

*Based on the "The Promised One" Series of Matthew Rogers*

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## Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus as the Promised King whose kingdom will never end. We praise You for this incredible gift of rescue and hope during the Christmas season. Open our hearts tonight to receive Your truth and to surrender more fully to His eternal reign.

## Ice Breaker

Have you ever played "King of the Hill" as a kid—or maybe even as an adult? What made it fun, and why didn't anyone stay king for long?

## Key Scripture

**Luke 1:31-33 (CSB)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.

## Sermon Summary

In the angel's announcement to Mary, we see Jesus revealed as the Promised King—the eternal Messiah who fulfills God's ancient promises to David. Unlike earthly kings whose reigns end, Jesus' kingdom has no end, offering us true peace, justice, and eternal life. He came on a rescue mission, inviting imperfect people like us into His perfect, everlasting kingdom.

## Discussion Point 1: The Promise of an Eternal Throne

**Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16 (CSB)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.

**Point Summary:** God promised David an everlasting kingdom through one of his descendants, a throne no rival could overthrow. This pointed forward to Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment—who builds God's eternal house not with hands, but through His life, death, and resurrection.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that God's promises, like this one to David, are reliable and stretch across generations?
2. How have you seen temporary "kingdoms" (like power or success) fail in your life or in the world around you?

## Discussion Point 2: The Son of Man Receives Everlasting Dominion

**Scripture: Daniel 7:13-14 (CSB)** – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

**Point Summary:** In Daniel's vision, the "Son of Man" approaches God and receives an indestructible kingdom—a divine figure worthy of glory that God shares with no one else. Jesus claimed this title for Himself, proving He is God in the flesh, the Forever King who outlasts every earthly empire.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus often called Himself the "Son of Man"? How does this vision build your confidence in His authority today?
2. In a world full of changing leaders and powers, how does knowing Jesus' dominion is everlasting bring you peace?

## Discussion Point 3: Surrendering Our Crowns to the True King

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**Point Summary:** Jesus is the Forever King who wants us in His kingdom—not perfect people, but those who recognize their need for rescue. We've all crowned wrong things in life (careers, relationships, ourselves), but only Jesus can bear the weight. He descended to Calvary to make a way for us.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What areas of your life have you been trying to "rule" yourself, and how has that gone?
2. How does it feel to hand over a "crown" (like worries, choices, or pursuits) to Jesus, trusting Him as King?

## Wrap-Up

Jesus is the Promised King announced to Mary—the fulfillment of God's eternal promises to David and seen in Daniel's vision of the Son of Man. His kingdom outlasts all others, offering rescue, peace, and belonging to anyone who says, "I need Him." As **Luke 1:31-33** declares, His reign has no end—let's live fully under His loving rule.

## Challenge

This week, identify one area where you've been holding the "crown" (like finances, relationships, worries, or time) and prayerfully surrender it to Jesus as your King. Write it down as a reminder, and share with the group next time how He proved faithful in that area.

## Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our eternal King who rescues us and invites us into Your unbreakable kingdom. Help us surrender every false crown and live in joyful obedience to You. May Your reign shape our lives more each day. Amen.