



# STUDY GUIDE

## THE PROMISED KING: Week 1 12.8.13

### [set up]

In your mind's eye, what does your "picture perfect" Christmas look like? (Paint a verbal or written picture)

Can you explain why some people can accomplish that "picture perfect" Christmas and still feel lacking in fulfillment, joy, peace and hope? How can some people be so far away from that image and experience and yet still have great joy and fulfillment and meaning in during their Christmas?

### [digging deeper]

We kicked off our 3 week Christmas series, "The Promised King" this week looking at the Davidic covenant. Re-read it in 2 Sam. 7:12-22. What observations, questions or realizations come to you in this passage?

Who is/are the descendents that God is speaking of here and how do you know?

How does Acts 2:29-32 and Psalm 89:20-37 tie into the Davidic covenant in 2 Sam 7?

Read Matt. 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30 and Mark 10:47. Why do people refer to Jesus in this manner and what is the significance of this title?

How do we see Luke 1:30-33 as a fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant? Is the covenant completely fulfilled?

How does all this information help us live our life different? How does our awareness and belief in the promised king impact our life here and now?



## [living it out]

During this season, it is very easy to let distractions, discouragement or other things rob us of celebrating the promised king. What is one significant distraction that tends to get in the way of you fully celebrating the coming of Christ at Christmas? What will you do to offset that distraction this year?

How can you be a blessing to others and through your generosity or efforts help others experience the joy, hope and peace that the birth of Christ brings? What is something specific and tangible that you can do even in the next week?

One of the ways we can focus on Christ during this season is to participate in the celebration of Advent. You can find helpful resources at the following CVC website link for ideas and opportunities <http://www.cvconline.org/advent/>

Close this time in prayer, asking God to keep you focused on Jesus, the “Who”, to make all the “whats” that we do during this season more meaningful or to eliminate some of the “what’s” that get in the way. Pray for others that come to mind that may be having a difficult during this season.