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The Empowered Presence of God's People

STUDENT GUIDE

SESSION TWO: All the King's Men

A Study on the Church by



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In this session we will explore God's relationship to his church and how it informs the way we live and worship. We cannot truly comprehend our practices if we do not fully understand our identity, and we cannot fully understand our identity if we do not understand God's relationship to us as worshippers.

Take a few days this week to sit down with your Bible and a pen so that you can read and study God's Word in a personal way so that you can live it out in the community of saints to which he has given you.

DAY 1

Read Genesis 2:15-3:13. Mark the places where God interacts with Adam and Eve. What similarities can you find between God's interactions in this text and our worship of God today?

Genesis 12:1-3 records God's promise to Abraham. How does this promise relate to you? What, if anything, does it mean for the church?

What does God mean by his statement to Moses in Exodus 6:2-8? Can you think of any ways this promise has been already fulfilled? Are there any ways in which it has not yet been fulfilled?

Read Matthew 23:37. What does this verse reveal about the heart of God for his people? What light does this verse shed on God's heart for the world?

How does Romans 9:21-23 relate to Matthew 23:37? According to this passage, what is God doing for those who are saved? What does it say about those who are lost?

DAY 2

Study Deuteronomy 7:6-9. List the actions of God in these verses.

What actions of God are made explicitly for his people? What reasons does God give for his actions?

List at least three words that are used multiple times in this text.

Read and compare John 15:16 & John 6:37. List the actions of God/Jesus in these verses as well as the actions of man.

How are the verses in John related to the verses in Deuteronomy?

DAY 3

Study 1 Peter 2:9-10. To whom is this verse written? List the descriptions made about the reader. What purpose does Peter give for being described in this way (see verse 9b)?

What two changes have been made to the reader according to verse 10?

How are the descriptions in verse 9 like Israel in the Old Testament? How are they different?

Who is doing the calling in this text? Who is he calling? What is he calling from? What is he calling to?

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