

Bible Study - God's Kingdom (The Big Picture)

Wk 4 - The partial Kingdom: Exodus, 2 Samuel

This week we fast forward from Genesis 12 to Exodus & 2 Samuel to see how God begins to fulfil his covenant promises, build a people for himself and bring about the partial rebuilding o

Opening Question:?

Why should we want to obey the 10 Commandments as Christians?

Which do you find particularly hard to obey?

Read Exodus 19:1-13; 20:1-17

1. What does this passage teach about God?
 - (a) How does it challenge the way we often think about him?
 - (b) How should we relate to such a God?

2. What has God already done for the Israelites?
 - (a) What does he promise to do in the future (and what role does he want the Israelites to play?)
 - (b) How do these promises relate to the promises made to Abraham (Gen12:1-3)

3. How can God's promises be fulfilled?
 - (a) What must the people do?
 - (b) Is this possible?

4. Group the commandments into different categories
 - (a) Why do they begin as they do in V1-3?
 - (b) How does God's law reveal
 - i. Our sin
 - ii. Our saviour
 - iii. God's standards

5. What does obedience look like in practice?
 - (a) How does the Gospel of Christ help us with obedience to God's law?

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

6. What does David want to build?
 - (a) What does God want to build?

7. What had God already done for David?
 - (a) What does he promise to do in the future?
 - (b) How do these promises echo the promises made to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3

8. What does God promise concerning the coming king?
 - (a) How does Jesus fulfil these promises? (Matthew 1:1, Mark 12:35-37, John 2:18-22, Acts 2:24-36, Romans 1:1-4)

9. What implication does this have for
 - (a) Our understanding of Jesus?
 - (b) Our relationship with Jesus?

Personal Reflection:

1. Which of the 10 Commandments do you find especially hard to obey?
2. What practical steps can you take to ensure that you obey the 10 commandments more?