



1. Read 2 Samuel 7:8-16. God promises a son from David's line whose kingdom will endure forever. Why would this promise produce so much hope for the people of Israel?
2. How does understanding the "backstory" of David and Israel change how you understand Jesus as King?
3. David was the youngest, overlooked shepherd, yet chosen by God. Why do you think God so often chooses unlikely or "lowly" people? How does that encourage or challenge you personally?
4. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-12. God looks at the heart, not outward appearance. What outward measures do you tend to use to evaluate yourself or others? What might God be inviting you to see differently?
5. Advent is a season of waiting and worshiping the lowly King. What's one concrete way you can "bow before this King" this Advent—especially in an area where He doesn't function like you expect a king to?

