

## Small Group Discussion Guide – II Samuel 7

**Theme:** God is for his people!

**Key Thought:** A key aspect of living lives of faith is believing that God is for us – that he wants to be with us, that he delights in blessing us and that he is faithful to his promises to us.

### **Starter Questions:**

1. What is something big that someone has promised you or that you've promised someone?
2. Why do we make promises?

**Transition:** Promises are an important part of how God relates to his people. What he promises us, and his faithfulness to those promises, prove that he is on our side!

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### ***God Wants to be With Us:***

1. Why was having a fancy temple not a high priority to God? From verses 6-7, what was more important to him than that?
2. What do you think it looks like for God to be “with you”?

#### ***God Delights in Blessing Us:***

3. Read II Samuel 7:8-16. List all the promises that God gave to David.
4. What do all the promises in verses 8-16 show us about God's attitude towards his people? (Big idea: God delights in blessing his people!)
5. If we too are God's people, what can we learn about his attitude towards us?

#### ***God is Faithful to His Promises to Us:***

6. Read II Samuel 7:22-25. How would you summarize God's work on behalf of his people and his attitude toward them? How is this surprising based on the previous 1000 years of history?
7. Read II Samuel 7:27-29. Why do you think David asked God for what God had just promised to give him? (Answer: Praying in faith is praying for what God has already promised to do!)
8. Based on God's faithfulness to his promises to his people, what can we conclude about his faithfulness to his promises toward us?

#### ***Drawing it All Together:***

9. Of the three big truths about God – that he wants to be with us, that he delights in blessing us and that he is faithful to his promises to us – which one means the most to you personally?