

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 16

1. According to I and II Samuel, how was the monarchy established in Ancient Israel? How was the king chosen? Who anointed the king? What was the line of succession to the throne? Why was there a divided monarchy in Israel after Saul died?

2. What is the covenant that God makes with David in II Samuel 7? What promises were made to David by God? What was expected of David by God? Why?

3. God declares to David that God will make of him a “house” (2 Sam 7:11). What does that mean? Is it a significant statement? Why or why not?

4. What does David do after assuming the throne of Israel? What actions are pleasing to God? Why? What actions are not pleasing to God? What are the consequences of those acts for David?

5. Jesus talks a lot about repentance at the beginning of Luke 13. What does it mean to repent? How would a Jew have repented in Jesus’ time? How might a Christian repent today? Give an example.

6. In your opinion, what is the meaning of the parable of the Great Dinner (Luke 14:15-24)? For what reason does Jesus tell it?

7. Think of a modern movie or television show that retells the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32. Who are the characters? What is the plot? What speaks to you about this story? Why?

8. In your own words, explain the Parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16:1-10). What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples through this story?