

May 11-17

Connect with God | When God Says No

Icebreaker: Have you ever experienced a time when you were not able to do something you wanted? Do you think it was God saying no? Why or why not? How did you respond?

In this session, we'll explore how God doesn't always give us what we want, but His "No" is always part of a greater plan..

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-7 — God Says No

- Why did David want to build a temple for the Lord?
- Do you think his desire was good or misguided? (See also 2 Chronicles 6:7-9)
- How did God respond to David's desire?

Read 1 Chronicles 22:2-10 — God Explains Why

- What did David do in response to God's "No"? What does this reveal about his heart?
- Why was David not permitted to build the temple?
- Why was Solomon chosen to build it instead?

Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17 — God's Better Plan

- Why do you think God reminded David of his past?
- What promises does God make about David's future?
- What is the most significant promise God gives here?

Read Romans 1:3-4 — The Greater Fulfillment

- How does Jesus fulfill the promise God made to David?
- Why is Jesus' role in David's legacy essential?
- Compare the legacy of Jesus as David's descendant versus the temple as Solomon's legacy.

Application

- How do we typically respond when God tells us "No"?
- How can we distinguish between a "No" from God and a "Not yet"?
- Have you ever seen God's "No" lead to something better in hindsight?
- How do we keep a soft heart when God's answer disappoints us?
- What does it mean to serve God even when you're not in the spotlight or center stage (like David preparing materials for Solomon)?
- Do we always get what we desire, even over time?
- How do God's long-term promises help us stay faithful in present challenges?
- When God changes your plans, what can you do to align with His new direction?