

Discussion Guide and Study Notes

Please use this guide in your Life Group discussion to help glean the most from our Sunday morning teaching. These notes are also excellent for your personal study and growth.

Till [Get the soil ready]

Have you ever been told “No” and not understood why until later? Have you had to tell a child, for example, “No” but not able to explain why at the time?

Just because something is good to do, should it be done? Can you think of a time when God might say “No” to something we think he should say “Yes?” Like what?

Sow [What God wants us to hear]

Many of the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament have double fulfillments. This means that they have one fulfillment in the near future and another fulfillment later. This second fulfillment often involves Jesus directly.

- God made several promises to David regarding his son, Solomon. What are these promises? See 2 Samuel 7:11-12
- God also made several promises regarding the Temple (or “house”). See the same passage as well as 7:27.

How do the promises regarding Solomon also apply to Jesus? Can you prove this from the New Testament?

How do the promises regarding the Temple also apply to the church? For help from the New Testament, see Eph. 2:21 and 1 Peter 2:4-10.



Tend [Working the truth into our hearts]

David was told he was the wrong man for the task. He learns why in 1 Chronicles 22:8-10. Why was David the wrong man to build the Temple?

Did God ever command a Temple to be built? See 2 Sam. 7:5-7.

Was it wrong for David to try to build a Temple? Finish looking over 2 Samuel 7.

Harvest [Where the fruit is seen]

David wanted to build God a "house," but God said he would build one for David instead (7:11).

God may put a plan in your heart but let someone else carry it out. Are you willing to let someone else get the credit? The temple later built under Solomon was called "Solomon's Temple" and not "David's Temple."

However, are you willing to do what God allows to pave the way? See what David did 1 Chronicles 28:11-19.

Can someone else get the credit? What do you have in mind?

Preview: Normally, this preview section is for the following week's message. But, let's jump past Solomon's Temple and the New Testament Temple of the church. Let's preview all the way to the New Heaven & Earth. What will that "Temple" be like? Revelation 21:22-27

