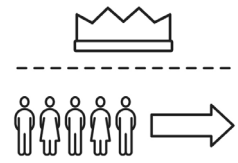
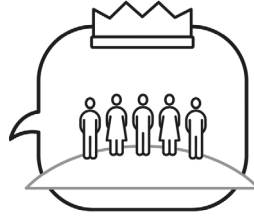
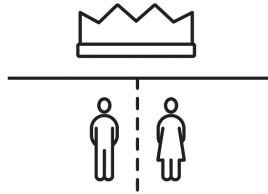


# PROMISES KEPT BIBLE OVERVIEW, WEEK FIVE (DEUTERONOMY – 1 KINGS 10)

## THE STORY SO FAR...



## OPENING QUESTION

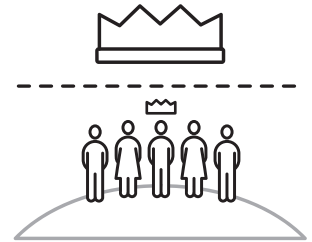
What qualities make someone a good leader of people? Why is leadership good? When is it not good?

## VIDEO TALK

## RECAP

In God's land, God's people kept rebelling, and so kept being invaded instead of enjoying blessing. God gave them judges to rescue them, and then gave them the king they needed—David, followed by his son Solomon, who both led the people into obedience and blessing. So they lived under the king's rule, in God's land.

And God promised David that one of his descendants would be an eternal king.



## APPLY TIME...

Think about your own experience of national/political leadership, and the attitude to leadership your own culture has. How might that experience and culture affect how you view the idea that "human happiness is linked to a godly ruler"?

## PROMISE KEPT

Read Mark 8 v 27-29 and 9 v 2-10

1. What does Peter recognise about Jesus?

2. How does 9 v 2-8 show that Peter is right?

3. Given what God promised David, why is this seriously exciting?!

4. Remember, the central flaw with both the judges and with David is that, though they may lead God's people to obey God for a while, eventually they die. Why is what Jesus predicts in verse 9 so crucial?

## **SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES**

1. Why is it good to obey Jesus? Why is it right to do so? Why do we find it hard to?

2. Is your view of who Jesus is big enough, or is it limited to him being your friend, guide, teacher? How would your thinking and your conduct in the coming week change if you always listened to Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God?

## **PRAY**

Thank God...

- that he does not give his people what they deserve, but rescues them and provides a ruler for them.
- for the leaders of your church, denomination and state. Pray that God would use them to implement his laws, to protect the vulnerable, and to enable his word to be heard.

Ask God...

- to help you not make too much of earthly leaders, nor too little of them.
- to show you where you are living as you "see fit", instead of how he commands, and to change you so that you would know the blessing of obedience.