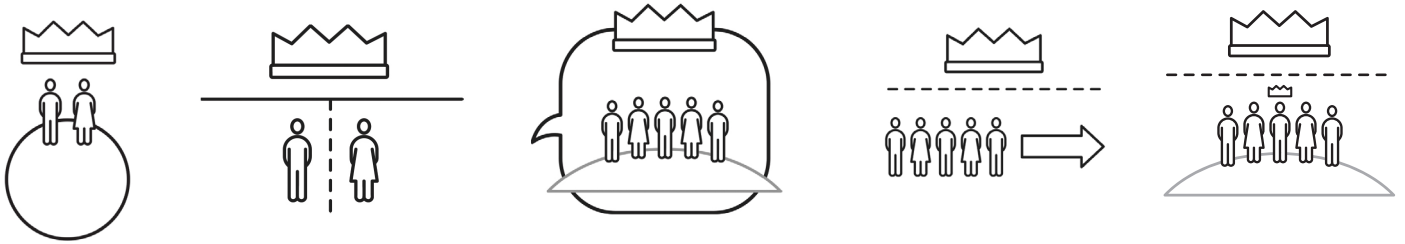


PROMISES KEPT BIBLE OVERVIEW, WEEK SIX (1 KINGS 11 – MALACHI)

THE STORY SO FAR...



OPENING QUESTION

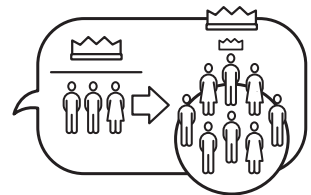
What do you most look forward to in life?

How does that affect your feelings and actions in the present?

VIDEO TALK

RECAP

God warns through the prophets that one day there will be fewer people, without a land, king or relationship with God—but one coming day, God promises through the prophets, there will be many people in a wonderful world under the perfect rule of God's King.



APPLY TIME...

1. How might the attitudes shown in 8 v 4-6 look in your church and your life today?

2. What would the opposite (true godliness) look like?

A QUESTION FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

Amos 8 shows us how seriously God takes people's sin. How seriously do you take your sin? Is there anything you're excusing or ignoring that you need to confront, own up to and deal with?

PROMISE KEPT

Read Luke 23 v 38-46

1. Why is the mocking sign above Jesus' head both ironic and tragic?
2. How does Amos' prophecy help us understand what's happening in v 44-45a?
3. Look at verse 45. What does this show Jesus' death has achieved?
4. What does the second criminal dying next to Jesus recognise about Jesus, and ask him to do?
5. What does Jesus promise him about his future?
6. How can someone experience the ultimate fulfilment of God's promises in the prophets, such as Amos 9 v 11-15?

APPLY TIME...

1. Imagine that someone had (for some reason!) read Amos 8 – 9, and wanted to know what it all means for us today. How would you explain to them what Amos tells us about...

- what the Lord Jesus' death saves people *from*?
- what the Lord Jesus' death saves people *for*?

2. What should we be looking forward to most? If we do, how will it affect our feelings and actions now?

PRAY

Thank God for...

Confess to God that...

Ask God for his help with...