



## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **An heir raising episode**

#### **1. Threat to the Kingdom (v.1-10)**

#### **2. Protection of the Kingdom (v.11-40)**

#### **3. Submission to the Kingdom (v.41-53)**

## **Questions for our midweek Growth Groups and personal reflection**

### **1. Threat to the Kingdom (v.1-10)**

From verses 5&6, what similarities do we see from the story of Absalom?

In what way was Adonijah a threat to the kingdom?

How was David's passive parenting a threat to the kingdom?

Have you been putting anything off that God has been prompting you to face/act on/put in place? What could you do today to step forward in faith with Jesus rather than avoid important issues in your life?

What other threats to God's kingdom can you remember in the Bible?

What threats to His Kingdom are we most fearful of in our world today?

Pray together for God's mercy for our nation, and a conviction of our new government to fall in line with His ways.

### **2. Protection of the Kingdom (v.11-40)**

How was Nathan once again used by God to provide a divine intervention in David's life and legacy?

How did Nathan's proactivity stir David into action as he lay in bed?

How do Jesus' words in Mark 9:41 encourage us that every small act in Jesus' name will be used by God for the building of His kingdom?

How did Jesus' confidence in God's ability to protect & grow His Kingdom affect the way he lived his life and face the cross?

### **3. Submission to the Kingdom (v.41-53)**

Once Solomon was anointed, what was Adonijah's response? Was it genuine?

What are different responses to Jesus in our world today?

What does Philippians 2:9-11 tell us about how the world will ultimately acknowledge Jesus' kingship?