SERMON OUTLINE Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Children of the King

Introduction

KNOW THE FATHER (Deuteronomy 10:12–16)

God is our Father by creation

God is our Father by redemption

SEE THE FATHER'S HEART (Deuteronomy 10:17–18)

REFLECT THE FATHER (Deuteronomy 10:19–22)

NOW WHAT?

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SERMON AIM

Encourage each of us to pray, think, and act on ways we can reflect the LORD's heart. Simply put, encourage us as children of the Father to imitate our Father.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) How does knowing God as a loving, holy, and merciful Father change the way we relate to Him and obey His commands?

2) How should receiving His grace change the way we show love and grace to others, especially those difficult to love?

3) Deuteronomy 10:17–18 describes God's concern for the fatherless, widows, and sojourners. What do these verses teach us about God's character and the people He notices? How can remembering God's mercy toward us help us become more compassionate toward others?

4) What is the difference between simply feeling compassion for someone and taking action to reflect God's heart? Who are some people God has placed within your everyday sphere of influence who might be overlooked, lonely, vulnerable, or in need of help? What could it look like to love them well?

5) In the list of 'one another's' we are commanded to act upon from the Scriptures, which ones are you doing well and can encourage another to act upon?

NOW WHAT?

- Ask God to help you see people in your sphere the world may overlook. Learn someone's name, listen to their story, and build a relationship with them. Find joy in treating people as valuable because they are made in God's image and matter to Him.
- Look for one practical way to serve someone this week. Share a meal, offer a ride, help a struggling parent, or check on an elderly neighbor. Don't view these acts as interruptions to your life, but as opportunities to express your love for Christ by loving those He has placed around you.
- Each morning, ask the Lord to help you treasure Him above everything else and give you eyes to see the people He has placed in your path. Ask not only for opportunities to serve and share the gospel, but for a heart that genuinely delights in doing so.
- Find one person at Grace to encourage intentionally in their walk with Jesus. Ask how they are growing, pray with them, or invite them to read Scripture together. Find joy in helping another person treasure Christ more deeply.

PRAYER FOR YOUR WEEK

Use this to foster prayer this week and to stir your heart to treasure Jesus:

Heavenly Father, You are holy, mighty, and merciful. Forgive me for living for myself and ignoring, at times, the grace You have freely given me in Christ. Thank You for loving me and adopting me into Your family through Jesus. Help me to treasure Christ above all things, grow together with my fellow brothers and sisters as His disciples, and joyfully love and serve those You have placed around me. I pray that my life might reflect Your heart and make much of Jesus. For from Him, & through Him, & to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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