

Step Into Scripture, Signposts Week 6: *The Lord Will Build a House*

Summary This week, we trace the establishment of David's kingdom, the city of Jerusalem, and God's covenant promise to build David a "house." Though David desired to build a physical dwelling for God, the Lord flipped the script—promising instead to build an enduring kingdom through David's lineage. Jerusalem, once a physical city chosen for worship, foreshadowed the spiritual community we now live in under the new covenant. In Christ, we are part of the *heavenly Jerusalem*—the church of the firstborn, the eternal house God is building. David's story, filled with prophetic signs, relationships, and covenant promises, all point to Jesus—our Shepherd, our King, and the Son who reigns forever.

Discussion Questions

1. **What does God's response to David's desire to build Him a house reveal about God's character and priorities?**
 - How does this shape our understanding of worship and offering today?
 - What does it mean that God doesn't *need* from us, but still delights in our desire to honor Him?
2. **How do you see the connection between David and Jesus more clearly after this study?**
 - Consider the parallels in their covenant, kingdom, relationships, and mission.
3. **What is the significance of the church being called the 'heavenly Jerusalem' and the 'church of the firstborn'?**
 - How does this identity shape how we live out our faith as part of God's eternal people?
4. **David had prophets like Nathan and Samuel. Jesus had Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration. Who are the trusted people in your life who speak God's truth to you?**
 - How do you cultivate relationships where you can be honest, transparent, and vulnerable?
5. **In your own spiritual journey, are you more like David wanting to build something for God—or needing to receive what God wants to build in you?**
 - What is God trying to establish in your life this season?

Group Prayer Focus

- **Praise** God for His eternal covenant, fulfilled in Jesus, and that we are part of His everlasting kingdom.
- **Thank** Him for inviting us into the spiritual house He is building—the church of the firstborn.
- **Ask** for hearts that are both eager to serve and humble enough to receive.
- **Lift up** any group members who feel weary or discouraged, and pray they would see God's hand establishing His purpose in their lives.