Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! **– Psalm 72:1**

Introduction

- Genesis 1:28

  And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- Genesis 3:15

  "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

- 2 Samuel 7/Psalm 2

I. What is David's prayer for his son?

- The LORD's "right-ness"

II. What will happen (to the people) if the LORD answers David's prayer for his son?

- Echoes of Eden

III. Why would the LORD answer this prayer?

IV. How *has* the Lord answered this prayer, and how *will* the Lord answer this prayer again?

- Matthew 1-2

- Matthew 28

- Revelation 19:11; 21:26

Though the world is still surely "fallen," Jesus Christ *currently* reigns, and *through the church* he is spreading his righteous rule through our actions toward each other, our actions toward the outside world, and the spreading of the gospel on our lips to bring in an international witnessing and worshipping people to the praise of his own glorious grace...until the day our faith is made sight and nothing stands any further in the way of his uncorrupted, eternal, righteous reign over a New Creation.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Psalm 72

1. How has the LORD intended for people to live and flourish on the earth? And with each other? Why is it not so?
2. What is the LORD's plan for restoring and reaching that intention?
3. Why is it so important for Christians to see this vision?
4. What application can LifePoint make as a church to live within this vision?
5. What is an application we can each make from the principle of "righteous" leadership? (Are you a boss? Parent? Team