

BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story — 3.8.2026

A People for the King — Rachel Taylor

Gather

These questions help build connection and highlight personal experiences related to the themes of covenant love, belonging, and community.

1. Share a time when you experienced God's love? What happened? How did you feel?

Grow

These questions guide your group through key Scriptures from Sunday's sermon, helping you observe how God forms a faithful people through covenant love.

1. Read Genesis 12:2–3 (Abrahamic Covenant)

- What do you notice about who takes initiative in this covenant?
- What is the purpose of Abraham's blessing? Is it private or outward-facing?
- How does this shape our understanding of what it means to be "God's people"?

2. 2 Samuel 7:11–16 (Davidic Covenant)

- What promises does God make to David?
- How does this covenant prepare us for Jesus?

3. Hosea 2:14–23

- What stands out to you in this passage about God's tone and posture toward His unfaithful people?
- What does it mean that God turns the "Valley of Achor" (Valley of Trouble) into a "door of hope"?
- Where do you see mutual response in this passage (God responding, people responding, creation responding)?

4. Song of Solomon 2:16; 6:3; 7:10

- What differences do you notice in the progression of these three phrases?
- How does the movement from "He is mine" to "I belong" reflect spiritual maturity?
- Where do you see yourself in that progression?

5. Read the following scriptures: Romans 5:5, Ephesians 3:16–19, Philippians 1:7–11

- According to these passages, what role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us receive and return God's love?
- Why is experiencing God's love both personal and communal?
- How does receiving God's love overflow into love for others?

6. Read Ephesians 4:4–6

- What repeated words stand out in this passage?
- Why do you think unity and community are central to God's plan?
- How does this challenge the idea that faith is just a private, individual matter?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply what we've learned.

1. How does understanding God's covenant love change the way you see yourself this week?
2. What is one faithful step you can take this week to:
 - **Receive** God's love more intentionally? (Ex: listening to Hosea or Song of Solomon, daily prayer, journaling.)
 - **Practice** community? (Ex: commit to weekly worship, join a group, invite someone to dinner, say no to something so you can say yes to community.)

Prayer

Direction for Prayer:

Spend time thanking God for His faithful, pursuing love throughout history and in your personal life. Pray for deeper capacity to receive His love and to live as part of His people.

You may pray this Scripture together:

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." — Epistle to the Ephesians 3:17–18

Group Prayer Question:

How can we be praying for one another this week as we seek to grow in belonging to God and committing to His people?

Going Deeper

If you'd like to explore this week's themes further:

- **Video Interview:** John H. Walton on [Genesis and the meaning of "God's rest"](#)
- **Practice:**
 - Listen to the books of Book of Hosea and Song of Solomon multiple times this week. (If you don't have an audio version download the Bible App [HERE](#)).
 - Journal the repeated phrases about love, belonging, and response.
- **Book:** God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts: <https://a.co/d/067sLANE> (focused on chapters 3-5).