

# Sermon Discussion Guide

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## Zechariah 6:9–15 | "Behold the Man"

### Opening Prayer

Guided Prayer: Pray, asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance in understanding and applying the truths discussed.

### Recap

In Zechariah 6:9–15, God gives a symbolic, visible sign that points to the coming Messiah: a crown is placed on the head of Joshua the high priest — a prophetic image of the One who would unite the offices of priest and king. This crowned figure is called the Branch, the temple-builder, and the ruler who brings peace. Ultimately, this passage is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who wears the crown of thorns, reigns as our risen King, intercedes as our High Priest, and is building His church as the true temple of God. God's message through Zechariah lifts the eyes of His people from rubble to glory, from shadow to substance, from Joshua to Jesus.

### Understanding the Text

- What's surprising or unusual about Joshua being crowned with a royal crown? What does this act signify?
- How does the role of "Branch" in verse 12 connect to previous Messianic promises (see Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5)?
- What is the significance of the phrase "He will build the temple of the Lord" being repeated twice?
- Why is it important that Jesus is both Priest and King? What would be missing if He were only one or the other?
- Verse 15 speaks of "those who are far off" coming to build the temple. How does this point beyond Zechariah's immediate context?
- Zechariah places the crown in the temple "as a reminder" (v. 14). What was it meant to remind them of? What reminders has God given us today?

### Practical Application

- How does knowing Jesus is both King and Priest shape the way you approach Him in prayer and obedience?
- What does it mean to be part of the spiritual temple Jesus is building? How does that affect how we think about the church?

- Are there ways you've been living as a "disconnected stone" — avoiding meaningful participation in Christ's body? What would it look like to be "built together" as Ephesians 2 says?
- Zechariah's vision includes a global promise — that those far off will come. How can this shape our prayers, our giving, and our willingness to go?
- The crown in Zechariah's day was a reminder of hope. What visible reminders of Christ's promises can you hold onto in times of discouragement or waiting?

## **God Has More to Say**

These passages reinforce the themes of priestly intercession, kingly rule, temple-building, and global redemption:

- Christ as Priest and King
  - Psalm 110
  - Hebrews 7:23–28
  - Revelation 5:5–10
- Christ the Temple and Builder
  - John 2:19–21
  - 1 Peter 2:4–5
  - Ephesians 2:19–22
- The Nations Brought Near
  - Isaiah 2:1–4
  - Acts 2:39
  - Ephesians 2:13
- Living as Christ's People
  - Romans 12:1–5
  - Colossians 1:18
  - 1 Corinthians 3:16–17