

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS FOR 1 & 2 KINGS

- 1) Why does integrity matter in a leader? What happens to people and a society when their leader lacks integrity?
- 2) Who are a few of the more memorable characters from 1 & 2 Kings? Why do they stand out to you?
- 3) A theme passage in 1 & 2 Kings is 1 Kings 9:4–7 (read as a group). How does this passage reflect what the author records in 1 & 2 Kings?
- 4) King Solomon started out doing great things, but then went downhill. God gave King Solomon great wisdom to govern, but even his wisdom did not stop him from being led astray by taking many wives and worshipping their false gods. Why do you think that is? What things can cause even Christians whom we think are wise (perhaps even ourselves) to stumble away from God's path?
- 5) God raised up prophets to call the people back to Himself when they and their leaders went astray. He used the prophet Elijah and sent fire down from heaven to show the people that He alone was the true God, and that Baal was a false god and the prophets of Baal were false prophets. Why is God so concerned that false gods and false teachers and prophets are dealt with among His people?
- 6) God was (and still is) very concerned about whether or not His people and their leaders followed Him. However, He was (and is) also concerned about people outside Israel (or today, outside the church). Read 2 Kings 5 about one such example in Naaman. How do Naaman and Elisha's servant Gehazi compare or contrast with each other?
- 7) While there were a few good kings along the way, overall, 1 & 2 Kings shows a downward slide that occurred when the people of Israel and their leaders rejected God and embraced the false gods and values of the world around them. How can we as Christians today avoid the same fate? Pray for each other's wisdom this week, to embrace the Lord and His best and to avoid the call of the surrounding culture to compromise.