

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Not One Word Failed

1 Kings 8

APPLY // 1 KINGS 5-7

Main Idea: The King's obedience brings the Lord's blessing upon Lord's people, primarily the Lord's presence.

1. Looking at Romans 15.4 & 1 Peter 1.12, flesh out why the Old Testament was written. How does that inform the way we read and interpret the OT?
2. Discuss the importance of the temple. What does it represent? What does it say about God that he would want to dwell with sinners? Share some other passages in Scripture that highlight this aspect of God's love and mercy.
3. How does knowing the purpose/meaning of the world and by extension your life and our church's life together inform your daily life? Be specific.
4. Reading over Revelation 21, how does our hope in heaven encourage you and our life together as a church?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 1 KINGS 8

Main Idea: Solomon and the people praise the Lord because not one word has failed of all his good promise.

1. Read 1 Kings 7:51-8:6. What's the first thing Solomon does upon the completion of the temple? What's the significance of these acts? What does this tell us about the Lord's character?
2. Read 1 Kings 8:12-21.
 - a. How does Solomon begin his prayer?
 - b. What does his prayer reveal about the character of the Lord?
 - c. How does Solomon set his blessing in the redemptive context of Israel?
 - d. Why does Solomon call to mind these previous events and promises?
3. Read 8:22-62.
 - a. Notice Solomon's physical posture in this prayer (vv. 22, 54). What might this tell us about the posture of his heart? How does this shape the content of his prayer?
 - b. What themes do you notice regarding the Lord's character?
 - c. Identify and discuss the main themes in Solomon's petitions.
 - d. What is the ultimate aim of Solomon's prayer? How does this fit into the redemptive context of Israel (and all of Scripture, e.g. Gn 1:26-27; 12:3; Mt. 28:19-20; Rev. 5:9; 7:9)?
4. Read 8:62-66. How do the people respond? Why do they respond this way?
5. How does Solomon's prayer, and the temple itself, reveal our need for and hope in Jesus?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in

the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How is the book of Kings shaping your affections for Christ?