

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Now Solomon Loved Many Women**

1 Kings 11

**APPLY // 1 KINGS 9-10**

**Main Idea:** A heart devoted to the Lord leads to delight. A heart divided from the Lord leads to destruction.

1. Read 1 Kings 9:1-9. What options does the Lord lay before Solomon?
2. Remember that the author wrote Kings knowing how it will end. How is the Lord's warning a sign of his kindness?
3. Chapters 9-10 focus on gold and Solomon's earthly glory. What made Solomon susceptible to a divided heart? How are we susceptible to a divided heart? How can we help each other remain devoted to the Lord?
4. Compare and contrast Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. How does the Queen of Sheba instruct us in our own faith?
5. Read 1 Kings 10:8-9. How do these verses point us to and help us delight in Jesus the greater Solomon?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 1 KINGS 11**

**Main Idea:** Solomon's sin leads to a tearing a way of the Kingdom, but not forever.

1. Read 1 Kings 11:1-8. What problem does the author bring to our attention in these verses? Is there anything in chapters 1-10 that make Solomon's actions here less surprising?
2. Look at the Lord's instruction in verse 2. Why does he command his people to not intermarry with other nations?
3. Notice the repletion of the heart in these verses. Why is this the focus?
4. What does it mean "they will turn your heart away?" Why does intentionally disobeying God and marrying a person with a different faith turn our heart from the Lord?
  - a. NOTE: This is a different circumstance that when one spouse comes to faith and the other remains a non-Christian.
5. What progression of sin do you notice in these verses? What does this tell us about the nature of sin?
6. Read 1 Kings 11:9-13. What is the Lord's anger? Why is he angry with Solomon? How is the Lord's anger different than our own?
7. What does the Lord tell Solomon will happen because of his disobedience?
8. Read 1 Kings 11:31-39. What do you notice about the Lord's words to Jeroboam? What promise does the Lord make to Jeroboam? How does this passage reveal the justice of the Lord? How does this passage reveal the mercy of the Lord?
9. Notice the prominent place of God's promise to David in this chapter (and all of Kings so far). What does this tell us about the purpose of the book of Kings? How does this point us to 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:** Where is your heart tempted to being divided from the Lord? How does King Jesus compel you toward devotion?