

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**The King(s) Promise & Reward**

1 Kings 9-10

**APPLY // 1 KINGS 8**

**Main Idea:** Solomon and the people praise the Lord because not one word has failed of all his good promise, and ask for forgiveness when they fail.

1. Read 1 Kings 8:12-21. Notice Solomon's focus on the Lord's faithfulness. Why is the faithfulness of God important?
2. Have the group study and find 10-20 promises (a) God has made that (b) he has been faithful to. Spend some time in prayer giving thanks.
3. Read through 2 Corinthians 3 and answer this question: In what way is there more glory in the New Covenant Gospel than there is/was glory at Solomon's Temple? How does this encourage your faith?
4. In accountability, share ways that the LORD forgave you for specific sins and encourage one another with the Gospel.

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 1 KINGS 9-10**

**Main Idea:** King's Solomon's wisdom and wealth are greater than his character.

1. Read 1 Kings 9:1-9. What do you observe about the Lord's words to Solomon?
2. Notice the repetition of the calls for Solomon to walk in obedience to the Lord (cf. 2:1-4; 3:14; 6:11-12; 8:58, 61). What do these repetitions tell us?
3. Read 9:10-28. What's the author's intent for these verses? Do you see any suspicions or imperfections in Solomon's character highlighted in these verses?
4. Read 10:1-13. What was the Queen of Sheba's impression of the God of Israel as a result of Solomon's wisdom and wealth? What do these verses tell us about the character of God?
5. Read 10:14-11:1. What do you notice about these verses? Now read Deuteronomy 17:14-20. Evaluate Solomon in light of these instructions for Israel's King.
6. How does 1 Kings 9-10 leave us looking for Jesus, the King of kings?

**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?