

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Cautionary Kings**

1 Kings 17

APPLY // 1 KINGS 14-16

Main Idea: Corrupt kings, who reject God's word, leave us yearning for Christ the King, who fulfills God's word.

1. How does the holiness of God demand the justice of God? In what way is this loving? How should this inform the way we view our sin? The gospel?
2. How is the Lord's faithfulness seen in these chapters, especially when look at Asa?
3. Looking at Asa, why does he please the Lord? How is Jesus similar? How should we respond?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 1 KINGS 17

Main Idea: God's prophet believes and acts on God's word—and this brings life!

1. Read 1 Kings 17:1-7. What new person are we introduced to in this passage? What do we know about Elijah from this passage?
2. What is Elijah's view of the Lord?
3. Read Deuteronomy 11:16-27; 28:22-24. Connect this to what Elijah says. How do Elijah's words show us what he believed about God's word? Contrast this with the kings from chapters 14-16. What is the author's aim in arranging the passage with this contrast?
4. How does the Lord provide for Elijah?
5. What do verses 1-7 show us about the character of the Lord?
6. Read 1 Kings 17:8-16. What does this passage tell us about the character of the Lord?
7. The woman in this passage is from Zarephath "which belongs to Sidon." We learn a bit about Sidon in 16:31. Why is that significant? How does this passage show that God is not tribal deity?
8. Read 1 Kings 17:17-24. What does this passage tell us about the character of the Lord?
9. How does the woman act when trouble comes her way? How does Elijah act when trouble comes his way?
10. In verse 24, what is the woman's final conclusion of God, Elijah, and God's word?
11. Contrast this non-Jewish woman with the Jewish kings. What's the author's point in making this contrast?
12. Discuss the ways 1 Kings 17 points us to the greater Elijah, Jesus Christ. See Luke 7:11-17 for an event similar to 1 Kings 17:1-24, yet note the differences.

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: What has the Lord been teaching you through our study in Kings?