

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**The Fate of False Worshipers**

2 Kings 8:16-10:36

APPLY // 2 KINGS 6:1-8:15**Main Idea:** The Lord is King and he rules, protects, and disciplines through his word.

1. Read Romans 15:4-5 & 1 Peter 1:10-12. According to these passages, how should we view Scripture, specifically the Old Testament.
2. Discuss the themes found in 1 Kings 6-8, specifically the Lord's sovereignty, mercy, and judgment. How do these truths encourage us and provide hope?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 2 KINGS 8:16-10:36**Main Idea: The word of the Lord can bring great judgment against unrighteousness**

1. Read 1 Kings 19:9-18. What does this passage tell us about the character of the Lord?
 - a. Notice that the plan of God to rid Israel of Baal worshippers was initiated and promised during the ministry of Elijah.
 - b. This is the lens through which 2 Kings 8-10 need to be read.
2. Read 2 Kings 9:1-13. What does the prophet say about the house of Ahab? How does this prophecy fit into the narrative of Kings (cf. (1 Kings 19:15-18; 21:21-24, 29)?
3. Read 2 Kings 9:30-37. Who is Jezebel? What is the significance of Jezebel's being trampled on and eaten by dogs in 2 Kings 9:36-37, rather than being buried? How does this passage tie into the main idea of Kings (i.e. power of God's word; primacy of God's worship; promise of God's forever King)?
4. Read 2 Kings 10:1-28. What actions does Jehu take against the house of Ahab and Baal worship? Discuss how these actions inform our understanding of God's character and God's word.
5. Read 2 Kings 10:28-31. What do we learn about the actions of Jehu? How does the overall reign of Jehu inform the reader's understanding of what the promised King for God's people must look like in heart and action?
6. How do chapters 9-10 prepare us for and 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: What has the Lord been teaching you through our study in Kings?