

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Demo Day

2 Kings 11-12

APPLY // 2 KINGS 8:16-10:36

Main Idea: The judgment of the Lord is as sure as his word.

- 1. Chapters like 2 Kings 8-10 are jarring. Why would the Lord keep passages like this in Scripture? Why is it a good thing that these types of passages unsettle us?
- 2. What do these chapters tell us about the character of the Lord?
- 3. How do these passages help us better understand the judgment Jesus experienced at the cross?
- 4. Read Revelation 15:1-4. How do passages like 2 Kings 8-10 help us hope in heaven?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 2 KINGS 11-12

Main Idea: The Lord shows mercy and gives grace so his people can worship Him.

- Read 2 Kings 11:1-3. Who is Athaliah? What does she try to do? Why?
- Who is Joash/Jehoash? What's the importance of his lineage (David Solomon/1 Kings 2:12 Abijah/15:3 Asa/15:10 Jehoshaphat/21:41 Jehoram/8:16 Joash/Jehoash)?
- Discuss how Jehoash's life was spared. Does this event bring to mind previous events where God spared his people from death?
- Read 2 Kings 11:4-12. Discuss what is happening in this text. Look at verse 12. What do they give the king (cf. Dt. 17:18-20)? What's the significance of this action?
- Read 2 Kings 11:13-18. Discuss what's taking place in this text. Is this similar to what the kings of the past have done or is it different? If different, how?
- Read 2 Kings 12:2-3. How does this text describe Jehoash? Notice the phrase "because Jehoida the priest instructed him." What do we observe by this comment?
- Read 2 Kings 12:4-17. Describe what is happening. What is significant about the temple?
- Read 2 Kings 12:17-21. Notice the narrative shifts (abruptly). What is the situation Judah is facing? What does Jehoash do to resolve the situation? What are we to think of his actions?
- Read 2 Kings 12:19-21. This text descries the death of Jehoash. Given where this passage is placed, how might the author be helping us interpret Jehoash's actions in verses 17-21?
- Consider the various ways these chapters 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?