

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Compassion of a Covenant Keeping God

2 Kings 13

APPLY // 2 KINGS 11-12**Main Idea:** The Lord shows mercy and gives grace so his people can worship Him.

1. In chapters 11-12 it appears Israel is back on the upswing—a decent king sitting under the word, rebuilding of the house of the Lord—but it does not end well. How might these chapters serve to instruct us in our day-to-day lives?
2. What might these chapters be warning us to not trust in ultimately?
3. How do these chapters serve to create in us a greater longing for heaven?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 2 KINGS 13**Main Idea:**

1. Read 2 Kings 13:1-9. What insight does the author provide about the king? What's his intent in providing this information? How does this connect to the overarching narrative in Kings?
2. Notice the language the author uses in regards to the Lord in verses 3-4. What does it mean that the Lord's "anger" was kindled? What does it mean "he gave them continually into the hand of Hazael King of Syria"?
3. What does Jehoahaz do? How does the Lord respond? How is his response contrasted to his anger being kindled?
4. What can the reader understand about the condition of Israel after reading the first nine verses?
5. Read 2 Kings 13:10-13. What insight does the author provide about the king? What's his intent in providing this information? How does this connect to the overarching narrative in Kings?
6. Read 2 Kings 13:14-19. Where has the reader seen the phrase spoken by Joash, "My father, My father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"? (cf. 2:11-12; 6:8-23) What is the meaning and significance of this phrase and its use here? What seems to be Joash's focus and concern?
7. What questions might the reader have about the prophecy given by Elisha to Joash?
8. Read 2 Kings 13:20-21. Discuss the events of these verses. What is the purpose of this story within the context of chapter 13?
9. Read 2 Kings 13:22-23. What is the significance of the author appealing to the covenantal formula "Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"? Read Exodus 32:13 for more insight into this formula. How does verse 23 compare with the Lord's promise in 8:19?
10. Discuss what this chapter reveals about the character of the Lord.
11. Discuss what this chapter reveals about the nature of humanity.
12. Discuss how this chapter prepares us for and points us to the person and work of Jesus Christ?

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?