

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Power, Primacy, Promise

Review of the book of Kings

APPLY // 2 KINGS 23:31-25:30

Main Idea: Sin takes you places you don't want to go; yet hope remains!

1. Discuss the story of Kings. Why does Israel and Judah end up in exile? What does this tell us about the power of sin?
2. Read Lamentations 1:9. Why are we often slow to consider our future? How does this diminish our view of the power of sin?
3. Read 2 Kings 25:27-30. Discuss how these verses show the mercy of the Lord. How does this mercy give us hope even in the midst of our sin.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // KINGS

Main Idea: Yahweh is the true King of his people. He reveals his power over all nations, his primacy as the only God to be worshipped, and his faithfulness to his promise to give an eternal King.

1. Review the three main themes of Kings, discussing how we've seen each of these in the book of Kings:
 - a. Power: The power of God's word to accomplish God's purposes.
 - b. Primary: The primary of God's worship, he won't tolerate worship of other gods.
 - c. Promise: The Lord will fulfill all his promises, specifically to bring a forever King from the line of David.
2. **Read 1 Kings 2:1-4.** How do these verses help us to understand the fate of Israel and Judah by the end of the book of Kings?
3. The overarching theme of our study of Kings has been "God's power, primacy, and promise". What do these three terms refer to and how have we seen them throughout our study of Kings?
4. **Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17.** How would this promise give exiled Israel and Judah hope despite them not having a land anymore and being in captivity? How does this reality help us look to Jesus?
5. **Read 1 Kings 3:6-9.** Does Solomon's prayer reflect the heart of the kings that would follow him? Why or why not? How does this prayer inform our understanding of the folly of the succession of kings?
6. Think about some of the characters that we were introduced to through this study (prophets, kings, messengers, etc.). Which characters (specifically) help point us to Jesus and how? Which characters (specifically) make us look at ourselves rightly?

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?