



Small Group Questions

Message: September 20, 2020

Speaker: Pastor Bob

Series: The Trials and Triumphs of Israel's Kings

Topic: Lessons on Godly Leadership

Texts: 1 Kings 2:1-4; 11:1-13

1. In Sunday's message, we discussed the truth that *everyone is a leader*. What areas of your life do you assume a leadership role?
2. Leadership is hard because we will face challenges. Pastor Bob used the illustration of Frodo Baggins taking the ring to Mt. Doom in *The Lord of The Rings*. Frodo famously says, "I wish the ring had never come to me!" What challenges have you faced that you wish never came to you? What did God teach you through it?
3. **Read 1 Kings 2:1-4.** We discussed three principals of Godly Leadership – the first was to **LOVE GOD**. What does King David tell Solomon about loving God? (Obey God's Word and Receive God's Blessing). Discuss the role faithfulness plays in loving God.
4. The second principal of Godly leadership is to **GUARD YOUR HEART**. Pastor Bob mentioned two reasons leaders need to guard their hearts: Criticism and Temptation. Have you experienced those two challenges in leadership? Share a story.
5. **Read 1 Kings 11:1-8.** As you make observations about the text, ask yourself – what happened to Solomon? Can it happen to you? Discuss the progression of temptation that Pastor Bob mentioned: LUST... APATHY... WICKEDNESS. Where do you see yourself on that scale?
6. **Read 1 Kings 11:9-13.** The last principal of Godly leadership was **TRUST THE TRUE KING**. In what areas of your life are you trusting something other than God?
7. As you close your group time, discuss some practical ways you can grow in your leadership this week (Parenting, work, ministry, etc.). How can you love God more? What boundaries can you put in place to guard your heart? Where does your trust need to shift to Jesus?