

1 Kings 11-16 | Why Worship Matters

Getting Going

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. What was the most fun or meaningful part of your Christmas season?

Digging Deeper

1. Rehoboam, Abijah, Jeroboam, Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Tirza, Omri, and Ahab were all described as doing evil in the eyes of the Lord, while only Asa was described as doing right in the eyes of the Lord. What differentiated Asa from all these kings? What does the bible reveal is needed to live a life pleasing to the Lord?
2. Based upon how God interacts with and treats the kings of Judah and Israel how would you describe the character of God?
3. Pastor Travis made the observation that the text is showing us that worshipping the Lord brings about God's blessings; but that worshipping anything else brings about God's curses. How was this revealed in 1 Kings 12-16? Do you think this is still true? Why or why not?
4. What we worship matters! This can be particularly seen in the lives of Asa and Jeroboam. Their lives highlight the impact of how worship has upon their own lives but also upon the lives of those around them. How have you seen this play out in both your life and also in the lives of those around you?

Practical Preparation:

1. Pastor Travis challenged us to really ask ourselves what we are worshipping. Take some time to examine your life and think about what you are giving yourself to (your time, energy, money, etc). What do you notice when you take the time to think about this?
2. Have you seen God's blessing in your life as you have faithfully worshipped him? In what ways have you seen it? In what ways do you see hardship when people don't worship God?
3. How have you been impacted (either positively or negatively) by the worship (driving focus) of others? What is something you can do this week to positively impact those around you through your worship?

Parting Prayer

1. Spend time in prayer asking God to forgive us for when we fail to worship him as we ought to. And spend time thanking him for his faithfulness and forgiveness.
2. Ask God to help us to realize the impact we make either positively or negatively on those around us, and help us to seek to live out our faith so that we can impact others positively.

Optional Extra Question - What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? Why?