

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

1 Kings 11-12
Unit 12, Lesson 3

WHAT WE LEARNED

God divided Israel into two kingdoms because Solomon sinned. King Solomon failed to lead God's people perfectly. God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus is greater than Solomon. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. King Solomon, for all of his wisdom, was not fully devoted to God. He gradually abandoned what he believed, just like Israel had often done.**
 - What are some ways that we are tempted to be distracted from following God? What are some of the strongest temptations in our city around us? How does Scripture inform us on how to trust God in the midst of these things?
 - How is Jesus a greater King than any earthly king could ever be?
- 2. God was angry with Solomon but He still graciously left one tribe for Rehoboam so that He would uphold His promise to David. The Kingdom of God was separated into two kingdoms: Israel and Judah.**
 - What hope do people have even when our lives are impacted by sin?
 - How has God been gracious to His people? How is Jesus the culmination of God's grace towards people?
 - What ways has God shown you grace? How does that impact your relationship with Him and what does it tell you about His character?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God."

James 1:5

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Praise God for His grace even when we sin, and pray for continued endurance to follow Him. Ask God for committed, faithful, and obedient hearts.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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