

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Who do you see as a great leader in today's culture?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read about King Solomon's consequences in 1 Kings 11:9-13.
 - a. What was God upset about?
 - b. What was Solomon's sin?
 - c. Who was going to pay for Solomon's sins?
3. Read 1 Kings 11:41-43.
 - a. How long did Solomon reign over Israel?
 - b. Who took over the throne?
4. Read 1 Kings 12:1-4.
 - a. What's happening in this passage?
 - b. Who is approaching King Rehoboam?
 - c. What is the question?
 - d. Do you think Rehoboam understood the gravity of the question?
5. John Maxwell talks about Five Levels of Leadership. What level do you think Rehoboam was at? Also, which level best represents you at work, church, or other place?
LEVEL 1 — POSITION, People follow because they have to.
LEVEL 2 — PERMISSION, People follow because they want to.
LEVEL 3 — PRODUCTION, People follow because what you have done for the organization.
LEVEL 4 — PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT, People follow because of what you have done for them.
LEVEL 5 — PINNACLE, People follow because of who they are and what you represent.
6. Please read 1 Kings 12:5-11.

- a. Who does Rehoboam go to for advice?
 - b. What advice does he get?
 - c. Who do you go to for advice?
 - d. How do you know if it's good advice?
 - e. Have you ever gone to God for advice first?
7. Read 1 Kings 12:12-19.
- a. Do you think all this was God's will?
 - b. If that's true, do you think it was going to happen regardless?
 - c. Do you think God ever changes His mind?
 - d. Are there times when God allows bad circumstances to surround us?
 - e. Do you think God ever uses those circumstances for His purpose?

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- Just because you aren't experiencing the consequences of your sin, doesn't mean you got away with it.
- Sometimes God spares the consequences because of His grace.
- LEADERSHIP LESSON: Rehoboam INHERITED a leadership position from his father.
- SOMETIMES we believe...whoever I like, must be right.