

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Kings 1:1-10

Ice Breaker: Where have you see evidences of God's grace this week?

Ice Breaker: Who are some famous kings in history and what are they know for?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** As we dive into the book of I Kings and the rise and reign of Solomon, it is first important that we understand the events and history leading up to our passage.
2. What type of literature is the book of I Kings and how does that affect how we read it?
3. What prophetic words, instruction or warnings does God give his people regarding kingship prior to Israel establishing a monarchy? (See Gen. 49:8-10, Deut. 17:14-20, I Sam. 8)
4. What was the king supposed to represent to God's people?
5. Give a short summary of the life and legacy of Israel's first two kings (Saul & David). What does God promise David in 2 Sam. 7:12-17?
6. As we look at the beginning of our text(vs.1-4), in what state do we find mighty King David?
7. Our text mentions many names such as: Absalom, Joab, Zadok the Priest, Benaiah, David's Mighty men & Nathan. What is important to know about these characters to help us understand this scene and the rest of this narrative? (See 2 Sam. 8:15-18, 2 Sam. 15 & 18)
8. The question of who will succeed David hangs over the first chapter of I Kings. Looking at vs. 5-10, who is Adonijah and what do we learn about him? What does the narrator infer about Adonijah and his claim to the throne? Why do you think he didn't invite some of David's key officials?
9. While we follow the plotline of the "battle" for the throne of Israel, what is the author stirring us to long for? Who is the better King to come?

Note: Please take time this week to share your prayer requests on the [Prayer Wall](#) and pray for those in need. If you are in need, you can request assistance [here](#).