

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Kings 1:11-53

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** What did we learn about the state of King David and his son Adonijah's plan in vs. 1-10?
2. How did the unlikely duo of Nathan the Prophet and Bathsheba plan to bring the news of Adonijah's self-exaltation to King David's attention? Did their plan work? Was their plan wise or manipulative? Explain your answer. (see 1 Chron. 22:9-10)
3. How did King David respond to the news of Adonijah's claim to the throne? (vs. 29-37)
4. What is the significance of Solomon riding on a mule and the people shouting, "Long live the King!?" What does this scene evoke in our minds when we consider the New Testament? Compare and contrast the two scenes. (see John 12:12-19)
5. Where do we see God's providence and faithfulness in the anointing of Solomon rather than the Adonijah?
6. What does Adonijah do following Solomon's parade? How does Solomon respond to his plea for mercy? What can we learn from Adonijah's rise and fall?
7. What application can we take away from seeing God using David in his old age and Bathsheba to bring about His purposes? How is God using this unlikely season of life to advance His purposes for you and for His church?
8. Both Nathan and Bathsheba act upon God's promises. What are some promises of God that ought to anchor our actions in these challenging times? What happens when our feelings or circumstances drive our actions rather than God's unchanging promises?
9. We know that the true King, King Jesus, came many years later as a humble servant who would die for His people. How do we display our allegiance to reigning and ruling King Jesus today? What are some lesser kings that compete for our allegiance?

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](#).