

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

I Kings 9:1-28

Ice Breaker: What's one evidence of grace you've seen from God this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Take a moment to remember what has happened so far in our study of I Kings. What are some key components to Solomon's reign and rule so far in the narrative?
2. What is the promise God reiterate to Solomon in this passage? What are the conditions placed on the promise? What happens if those conditions are not met?
3. In vs. 10-28 we read about Solomon's great wealth and power. What hints does this passage give that Solomon's power and wealth may lead to his undoing?
4. Why do you think wealth and power so appealing? Is wealth and power inherently evil? Why or why not?
5. What are ways we find our identity in what we own or what the world esteems as valuable, whether or not we have them? How do you battle these temptations? What anchors your identity in Christ?
6. Why is a life of slow plodding faithfulness better than short flashy success? Who is someone you admire for their steady faithfulness to the Lord for the long haul? What are the keys to steady faithfulness to Jesus?
7. Ultimately, Solomon will not keep the Lord's commands and will give himself over to the things of this world. How does God fulfill his promise to provide a forever King from David's line on the throne?