



Life Group Study 1 Kings 5-9

Ice Breaker - Share your hopes and dreams for your life's work. What do you want people to say about you at the end of your life? What do you hope to accomplish?

Introduction

Solomon knew that it was his role to build a temple for God. His father, David, wanted to be the one to build the temple, but God made it clear that it would be Solomon who would be tasked with this important role. As we saw last week, Solomon also had a close relationship with God at the beginning of his reign. We know that he did not finish as well as he started, and we see a glimpse as to why in these chapters. Still, the overall theme of this portion of Scripture is about Solomon's desire to honor God with the building of the temple. We are going to take a look at a few snapshots in this process.

Read 1 Kings 5:13-18

Solomon had a vision that required participation from many people. Usually, God-sized vision involves teamwork. How should we as the church mimic this example?

Are you good at enlisting the help of others in daily life?

How do we know that God wants us to work together as we seek to glorify Him?

Read 1 Kings 6:37-38

Solomon's mission was to glorify God by building an extravagant temple. Do your hopes and dreams involve a plan to glorify God?

You may think that your daily activities are too mundane to glorify God. That is a lie that we often buy into. The reality is that God intends for us to glorify Him even in the seemingly mundane activities of daily life. Check out 1 Corinthians 10:31 & Colossians 3:17 & 23. What does that look like in our lives?

Read 1 Kings 7:1

Solomon was seeking to glorify God by building Him an extravagant temple. The only problem was that Solomon built himself an even more extravagant palace. What are some of the self-centered pitfalls that might threaten your goal to glorify God with your life?

Read 1 Kings 9:1-9

What is God really saying here? If we obey Him will everything go smoothly all of the time? Why didn't that work out for the apostles who were faithful and accomplished many for God, yet were still despised and often killed for their faith?

Conclusion

It seems that Solomon truly had a heart to bring God glory with his life. Our attitude should be the same. Often times we feel that our daily activities are too normal, average, or mundane to bring glory to God. We need to adjust our thinking and realize that every moment is an opportunity to bring glory to our heavenly Father.

Pray for each other to be consistently seeking opportunities to honor God with our daily activities.