

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on April 23, 2017 – “Considering God’s Wisdom”

MEMORIZE – 1st Kings 11: 38

And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

READ 1st Kings 12

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Read 1st Kings 11: 26-40
 - a. Who is Jeroboam and why did Solomon want to kill him?

 - b. What was the reason for God declaring this prophecy?

 - c. Why didn’t God take the whole kingdom from the hand of Solomon? Why is this important and how does Jesus ultimately fulfil this?

4. Compare and contrast Rehoboam’s response to the people in 1st Kings 12: 13-14 with the words Jesus declared in Matthew 11: 28-30

5. Look again at Rehoboam’s response to the people’s request. What does he do well? What doesn’t he do well? What about you? What things can you do to better respond to situations in life?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 12 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 12.

Consulting God's Wisdom

Every day we make decisions, both little and big. But how often do we intentionally seek God in making our decisions? Use the chart below to help you intentionally seek God when making decisions. Before you use the chart, spend time in prayer. List decisions you need to make in the decisions column. Then search the scripture for God's wisdom. Then pray about what you find asking God how He wants you to apply His wisdom to your situation. Include other believers in this process as well inviting their support.

Decisions	Scripture	Prayer

SING (a suggested songs to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is not dead) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNrV2fX5Qb4>

A song declaring the great truth that Jesus is alive!

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less - Mennonite Hymn #558

A hymn reminding us of the Solid Rock on which we stand.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go, may the Holy Spirit guide you in your discernment, empower you to respond like Christ and strengthen you to walk in God's wisdom all the days of your life.