



### **God's Grand Story, Pt. 4: United Kingdom**

The nation of Israel has inherited the land and territory that God had promised to Abraham. They are coming out of a dark period of time in their history where there was no king and where everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes. Into this environment the nation comes together to receive their first earthly king. While it was a time of great accomplishment, it was also a challenging time for the leaders and the people. We can learn from their struggles and not have to experience their regrets.

**Bottom Line:** Following the Word of God leads us away from the pain of disobedience and regret.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. If God would grant you any request, for what would you ask? Why? (see **1 Kings 3:5-9**)
2. **Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14 and Psalm 51.** King David (Israel's second king) took advantage of his power and position and seduced another man's wife. After David learned that she had become pregnant by him, David tried to cover up his sin. When his plan to conceal his sin failed, he plotted and carried out the murder of the woman's husband. When confronted with his wickedness, David wept and confessed and repented. What stands out to you about his prayer and confession to God in **Psalm 51**? What parts of his confession and prayer do you identify with and why?
3. **Read James 1:2-4 and Hebrews 12:5-12.** What do these two passages teach us about difficult circumstance we face in life? How are trials we face and the discipline of God similar? How are they different? What is your typical response to difficult circumstances? How do these verses help you process the difficulties you experience?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 17:14-19, 1 Kings 2:1-3 and 11:1-6.** God was very clear about his requirements for those who would serve as Kings in Israel. And yet, Solomon disregarded God's commands. With such clarity from God, how did Solomon
5. At different points, each of the main characters during the United Kingdom strayed from what God's word clearly said. In what ways are we tempted to compromise with God? **Read Proverbs 29:18 and 1 John 2:15-18.** What can we do to guard against compromise?
6. ~What was the most challenging idea/thought to you from the message?  
~What was the most helpful/encouraging thought or idea from the message this week? How did it help you?  
~How can the group encourage you this week?

**For resources that will help you better understand God's Grand Story, please visit this link:**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PaziqT1TQlpNQTL14EH2UUvzcao0vM0OAdPs2DketA/edit?usp=sharing>

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.