



Sermon Study Guide

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Desiring The Kingdom: In The Zone

1 Kings 9-10

Key verse: *And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying “You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel . 1 Kings 9:4-5 (ESV). Key idea: Sometimes being in the comfort zone can lead you into the danger zone – but by God’s grace, He shows us the way into the Hope Zone.*

Read through 1 Kings 4-5. We also recommend watching Sunday’s sermon again on the White Fields website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page. Pause the video, reflect on, and discuss areas that challenge you or speak to you in a significant way.

1. Read 1 Kings 4-9 aloud. In this passage, God tells Solomon he has two options as to how his future can turn out. Discuss the choice Solomon had to make, and the consequences of each choice. Discuss God’s purpose in His response to the choices Solomon is offered.

2. Pastor Nick stated, “When our lives are comfortable and easy, we have a tendency to drift.” Do you find this to be true? Was there a time in your life when you found yourself drifting from the faith during a time of comfort? What was the outcome?

3. Solomon’s great wealth and power did not lead him to a life of happiness. He wrote the book of Ecclesiastes to record his experiences. Read Ecclesiastes 2:1- 11 aloud. Now read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 aloud. Discuss Solomon’s conclusions regarding his life and experiences. What can we learn from his experiences?

4. Read Mark 10:17-22 aloud, the story of the rich young ruler. Pastor Nick discussed that we sometimes cling to things that create a barrier between us and God. Sometimes we are asked to give those things up and trust and depend on Him because He loves us and wants what is best for us. Are there things in your life that are creating a barrier between you and God? If so, what steps can you take to remove those barriers?

5. Pastor Nick discussed the idea that believing in Jesus was more than just believing that He existed. Discuss in what ways your belief in Jesus is reflected and displayed in your life.

Continue to pray for our nation in this troubled time. Pray for our pastors, our church, and our community. Pray that God will use this time to draw others close to Him.