

## THIS IS MY BIBLE "Ordinary People with Extraordinary Stories" I & 2 Kings Life Group Notes

## **GETTING STARTED**

- 1. They say, "it's not just how you start but how you finish." Discuss someone you know or someone in history that had a great start in life (or career) but ended badly.
- 2. Why do you think this happens so often?
- 3. Do you think it's fair that a person can live a life of success and integrity and yet through one bad choice have all it called into question? Why or why not?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

- 1. Discuss which part(s) in Sunday's message on 1 & 2 Kings stood out to you the most.
- 2. What surprises you most about the life of Solomon?
- 3. Read 1 Kings 3:3-9. Discuss Solomon's choice when God offered him anything he desired. Why did Solomon choose wisdom, and what can we learn about the value of seeking wisdom in our own lives?
- 4. Explore the reasons behind Solomon's spiritual decline, including his numerous marriages to foreign wives and his involvement in idolatry. What lessons can we learn from Solomon's mistakes in maintaining our own spiritual integrity? (Reference 1 Kings 11:1-6)
- 5. God appeared to Solomon a second time in I Kings 9:1-8. Read and discuss the warning God gave to Solomon.

- 6. In chapter 11, everything changes for Solomon and the nation of Israel. Read I Kings 11:1-6. What happened with Solomon?
- 7. I Kings 18 is one of the best chapters in the Bible. We are introduced to a prophet named Elijah. Read verses 20-40. Why do you believe Elijah challenged Ahab? What were the results of the challenge?

## Applying the message:

Make a commitment to end well. Many people start well but get sidetracked like Solomon. What are some things you can do to ensure that you stay committed to the Lord and end well? Make a list.