

## Small Group Questions for May 7, 2017

Series: E38 Understanding Gods story, their story and your story

### 1 Kings 12

Opening Questions: If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit? Why?

**Today's message was about why relational divisions happen and seeking an understanding of what God wants to do about them.**

1. The conflict between Rehoboem and Jerhoboem starts when Rehoboem receives bad council from his friends regarding the workload of the people. Question: *What is the mark of a person who gives good council? How do you know you are receiving wise council on a problem or an issue?*
2. The conflict between Rehoboem and Jerhoboem had two kings that were prideful and insecure. Relational division always has two sides. Question: *What is the best council that you have heard or ever received regarding hearing both sides of an issue when it comes to a conflict? Share with the group.*
3. The spiritual slide of the nation of Israel began during the rule of Solomon. Solomon's kingdom was BIG and BUSY! Two qualities of life that often lead to a loss of focus on God. As the summer months come quickly, can anyone share with the group action steps they have taken in the past or are planning to take this summer to keep focus on God during the BIG and BUSY?
4. Even though the book of kings is filled with Rulers that disobey God and fall short of his desires for them and the nation of Israel, God was still faithful in fulfilling his promise to the world through them. What does this tell us about God, his faithfulness, and what we miss out on if we are not submitting to his loving rule in our lives?

How can you pray for each other?