

HEARTS IN EXILE JANUARY 14, 2018 Community Group Discussion Guide

Open

Are you a fan of history? Why or why not? What are some of your favorite periods of history?

What is the purpose of recording and/or studying history?

Over the next few months we will be studying the history of the people of Israel and what happened to their nation. As we study the broken throne, we hope to learn from them about following and worshipping God.

Reflect

Please take a moment to read 2 Kings 25:8-12. These verses tell us how the people of Israel were carried into exile. If this is how the exile began, what do you think it was like for them and their families while in exile?

If you could for a moment, put yourself in the shoes of an Israelite man or woman in exile. Would you have wanted to learn about the book of Kings? Why or why not?

Has there ever been a moment in your life where you stopped and asked God, "How did things get to this point?" What was God teaching you in those periods of your life?

Apply

Please read King David's instructions to his son Solomon in 1 Kings 2:1-4. According to King David, what role did the choices of Solomon and the subsequently kings play into the future of the nation?

What role does our choices play into the future of our lives and/or our families lives?

How can we know what choices are the right one to make?

What drives us to make different choices in our lives?

Close

Please take a moment to pray for each other that God would help them to have courage to make godly choices in life and to trust the Holy Spirit for the strength to worship Jesus even when it is difficult.