

THE BROKEN THRONE

BOOK OF KINGS

A KINGDOM
DIVIDED

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Community Group

Discussion Guide

Open

Have you ever seen God intervene in your life or the life of someone else you know? What happened and how did you know it was God?

Reflect

Please take some time to read about the transition from King Solomon to the Divided Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1 Kings 12:1-24.

In your own words, what happened that let Israel from being a great kingdom to a divided one?

What kind of involvement does God have in the affairs of the people of Israel at this point?

Apply

What can you learn from the character of our new kings Jeroboam and Rehoboam?

It seems in the end of 1 Kings 12:23-24 that God directly intervenes to stop a civil war. What does this intervention tell us about the heart of God for his people?

What do you believe moves God to intervene in some situations and not others?

As we wrestle with why God intervenes sometimes and not others, it leads us to a deeper question, "Does God have our best interests at heart?" How can we answer this question? (After a few minutes of discussion, have people turn to Ephesians 1:3-10 and begin to talk about this passages answer to the question.)

Close

Please take some time to pray for the group's relationship with God. Please do this according to how you feel led to pray tonight based on your discussion. Whether it is extended time of prayer together, a time of prayer in groups of 2-3, or another way, please lead the group in prayer how you feel led by the Holy Spirit.