

## Small Group Study Notes

### 1 Kings 22:1-40

1. Three times Ahab is warned that he is going to die (20:42 & 21:19) and now 22:17. What explanations do we have for Ahab's unwillingness to believe? If he had believed what sort of reaction would we have seen? In what ways did you react when you first believed the word of God?
2. 20:42 & 21:19 & 22:17 are all warnings. But until now God has not judged Ahab instead he has blessed him. Peter says God is doing exactly the same thing right now, "God is patient with you not wanting any to perish" (2 Peter 3:9). What are the best ways for us to present the truth that a judgment day is coming?
3. Why do you think Ahab's visitor, Jehoshaphat, doubts the truth of what the 400 are saying?
4. With Deut 33:17 & 20:28 in our minds; can we forgive Zedekiah for thinking that God is about to maul the Arameans again?
5. V19 along with Isaiah 6:1-8 is a peak "behind the scenes". The heart of the matter is that God is telling Ahab frankly that his spokesmen are all liars. To what extent do you think numbers would have coloured Ahab's decision as to where the truth lay – 400 say one thing and just one man says another? And if we were in Ahab's shoes that day what criteria would we have used to work out where the truth lay?
6. If Ahab believes the word of his 400 spokesmen why does he wear disguise?
7. What do you think of the reward Micaiah got for serving God (v27)?