

## Small Group Study Notes

### 1 Kings 2:1-46

1. David tells his son that “if he keeps the commands of God” he will “prosper in all he does” (v3). What do you think is the connection between keeping the commands and prospering?
2. David knows Joab and Shimei are both trouble makers and on top of these two Solomon has Adonijah causing trouble again. He deals viciously with them all. Is this a model for dealing with trouble makers in the church?
3. If not how should we deal with trouble makers in the church?
4. What would have been the consequences of Solomon not dealing with the trouble makers in his kingdom?
5. It is assumed that there will always be trouble makers popping up in both the kingdom and the church what evidence is there that this is so?
6. How well does our church handle its trouble makers?
7. Read the story of one man’s experience of church discipline (1 Cor 5:1-5). What do you think it means to “hand someone over to Satan”?
8. When king Jesus comes how will all trouble makers be dealt with (Mat 13:40-42)?
9. The kingdom is to be eradicated of trouble makers in order that it will be a peaceful place for men like Barzillai. The kingdom will have a zero tolerance to bullies. How can the church maintain a zero tolerance to bullies while at the same time being a community that is welcoming to all?