

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 12:1-33

1. At Shechem Rehoboam asks for advice from his father's advisors, and he asks for advice from his contemporaries. But he does not seek a word from God. If you had been asked to bring that word, based solely on the bible, what advice would you have given him?
2. Shemaiah is called "the man of God" and so is Moses and so is Timothy (Deut 33:1 & 1 Tim 6:11). So what does it mean to be "a man of God"?
3. In v24 the king does obey the word of God. What is the outcome of his obedience?
4. In this chapter the results of obeying and the results of disobeying God's word are laid out side by side. Disobedience leads to schism and obedience leads to peace. Have you a current story that illustrates the positive results of applying the word of God and the negative results of ignoring the word of God?
5. Note what God had promised Jeroboam (11:37&38); this being so why does Jeroboam say what he does in v26? If you had been there what would have you have said to put his mind at ease?
6. Jeroboam's golden calves break the second commandment. What damage is done when this commandment is broken? And in what ways is it broken today?
7. Why do you think the correct image of God (Col 1:15 & Heb 1:3 & John 14:9) is rejected by so many?