

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 1:1-54

1. What do you think the Abishag story adds to the overall story?
2. In what ways could the two factors mentioned in verse 6 have played a part in Adonijah's actions?
3. Based on what we see of Adonijah, in this chapter, what indicators are there that he would have made a poor king?
4. If Adonijah would have made a poor leader what would you say were the marks of a good leader?
5. Joab and Benaiah were a team (joint head of the military) as were Abiathar and Zadok (joint head of the priesthood). The two teams were broken as a result of Adonijah's scheme. God always places a high priority on unity among his people (Eph 4:3). What would you say would be acceptable reasons for disunity and what would you say would be unacceptable reasons for allowing disunity.
6. What do you think motivated Nathan to speak to the king? You too are a part of the people of God so what sort of issues would cause you to speak to the leaders?
7. Adonijah's scheme ended in disaster. Could it be argued that all our acts of wrong end in disaster?
8. Adonijah's scheme caused a lot of pain to a lot of people. Why do you think God did not cut it off earlier?