



Worship Guide for **September 28, 2024**

## Sermon Notes

### **Whose Kingdom?**

1 Kings 1 (pew Bible pgs. 279-280)

The book of 1 Kings, as you would expect, it's a story of power and politics. We will study the rise and fall of kings, power struggles, violence, betrayal, death, battles between good and evil. We will see the nation of Israel at it's highest, and then torn in two and taken into exile. It's a story of remarkable achievements and devastating failures. There is glory and power, and there is also sadness and sin. But the books of 1 and 2 Kings help us see how God would fulfill the promise He made to David that his kingdom would be God's kingdom and that it would last forever. God's kingdom was not established by politics, it was founded on God's Word. It was to be according to HIS promise.

The history of Israel and these kings are part of the great story that has led to THE KING, who is the King of Kings, who was lifted up on a cross to become the Savior of the world.

The promised Kingdom challenged by human frailty and politics (vs. 1-10)

The plans to preserve the promised Kingdom (vs. 11-27)

The zeal that preserves the promised Kingdom (vs. 28-40)

The response to the Sovereignly-appointed King (vs. 40-53)

Applications:

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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### OCTOBER- Pastor Appreciation **2 Life Together**

- 4 Person High @ Southern Alamance
- 4-5 AHG Campout @ Mayo Park
- 11 PHS vs. Orange (**HOMECOMING**)
- 12 Church Work Day**
- 17 BBA Fall Meeting @ Westwood**
- 18 Person High @ Eastern Alamance
- 19 Men's Breakfast