

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Kings

Week of January 5, 2020

Week 1: Servant Leadership (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: 1 Kings 12:1-19

The first king we met was Rehoboam. He was advised to be a servant leader, but he foolishly chose otherwise. His authoritarian style of leadership led to a split in the nation. May God help us to choose better.

Kicking it off: Who was your first boss? Tell the group about this first manager in your life.

Discussion:

1. Rehoboam found himself entrusted with great authority on the day he was crowned as king. In what arenas of life have you been entrusted with the authority to lead? (Family? Work? School? Church?)
2. Reread *1 Kings 12:3-4* The whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: "Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you."

Why do leaders like Solomon put heavy demands on their subordinates?

3. Reread the council given to Rehoboam by the wise advisors found in *1 Kings 12:7* They replied, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants."

What is "servant leadership?"

4. Reread *Mark 10:42-43* Jesus said, "You know that the rulers in this world flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader must be a servant."

Why would leaders "flaunt their authority?"

5. Why do those in positions of great authority often start treating others poorly?
6. How can leaders keep their authority from rotting their character?
7. What specific steps could you take to grow in "servant leadership?"

Wrapping It Up: Power corrupts. Power could corrupt us! Pray that those of us entrusted with authority will continue to be loving and compassionate toward those we lead.