

# THE BROKEN THRONE

BOOK OF KINGS

FALL OF  
SOLOMON  
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Community Group  
Discussion Guide

## Open

This week we took another look at the life of Solomon. What we found was that it wasn't the greatest of endings for Solomon, the great King of Israel. As you read or heard on Sunday, what to you is the most tragic part of Solomon's story?

## Reflect

Please read the account of King Solomon's turning away from God in 1 Kings 11:1-13.

While the book of Kings gives us a better glimpse into the life of Solomon than any other book, it still doesn't offer up a lot of detail. Based on what we read, what do you believe happened in the life of Solomon that led him away from God?

In verse 9, we find that God was angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away. What ground does God have to be angry with Solomon?

## Apply

Solomon's turn away from God probably didn't happen overnight. It happened slowly over time because he failed to listen to his own advice to guard his heart. Please read Proverbs 4:23-27. What is Solomon trying to tell his children?

What does it look like to keep our hearts with vigilance?

How can we as followers of Jesus listen to Solomon's wisdom to "ponder the path of our feet?"

What other advice or lessons from Solomon can we apply to our lives?

## Close

Tonight we want to end our community group time a bit different than normal. Please take a piece of paper and on it write one list of the things that you do everyday. Look over that list and make note of if there is any part of your day that leads your affections away from God, keeps you in "neutral" with God, or leads you closer to God. Looking at this list, reorganize your priorities for the day as you can to help you better guard your heart toward God.