



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 5/22/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 5/29/2022
TEXT: I KINGS 1

DAVID DEPARTS THE THRONE

I. DAVID AND HIS OLD AGE (vss. 1-6)

A. He can't get enough heat (vs. 1).

B. Pride and negligence don't mix well (vss. 5-6).

II. DAVID AND HIS RIVAL SONS (vss. 5-17)

A. Adonijah sought not the Lord (v. 5).

B. Adonijah looks increasingly like Absalom (vv. 6-12).

C. Solomon receives the significant blessings (vv. 11-40).

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read I Kings 1:1-4.** As we age, is it common to encounter increasing health problems? Since they come upon us all eventually, how do you prepare your heart for such times? How willing are you to help others in your sphere of life who are showing signs of “old age?”

2. **Read vv. 5-7.** Who does Adonijah, the son of David, seem most concerned about exalting? To what level or height does he intend to go? Was his father, David, a very good guide in this area? What might we lose in our homes if we don't guide our children away from pride?

3. **Read v. 8.** To whom do the holy men of God give their allegiance? Why were they able to be so wise in the midst of such ensuing rivalries? Was there a potential threat to their lives for staying with king David? What cost are we willing to pay to be followers of the King of kings?

4. **Read vv. 9-10.** Adonijah made his decision before consulting God and then seems to want His blessing nonetheless. What could possibly be wrong with this order of events? Do you ever get the “cart before the horse”? **Read James 4:7-10.** One we are to resist and the other we are to draw near to. Who are these two? If we are to be exalted or lifted, what must come first?

5. **Read v. 12.** Keep in mind that Adonijah and Absalom were brothers of the same mother while Solomon was a brother from a different mother (Bathsheba). When it comes to *selfish ambition*, to what lengths are some willing to go to get their way?
Read vv. 49-53. How does Solomon show himself to be a much fairer man than Adonijah?

6. How can sibling rivalry ruin the peace of a home even today? How do we get our children to work together as a *team*? If we are all members of One body in Jesus Christ, what can we do to help our church move as one like a team?