

THE PLAN

19. The Rebellion (1 Kings 11-14) January 16, 2022

Story Coordinates (1 Kings 11:28-12:20)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

(Deuteronomy 12:2-5,
Numbers 3:12, Leviticus 23:39)

The Story (1 Kings 12-15)

- Jeroboam became afraid of losing his _____ if his people went to _____ to worship. (12:26-27)
- Jeroboam established his own _____, _____ and festivals in his kingdom. (1 Kings 28-33)
- Jeroboam made these changes to protect his _____.

- Jeroboam's changes distorted the way Israelite worship _____ God's _____.
- God sent a prophet to _____ Jeroboam's _____ with miraculous signs. (1 Kings 13:1-5)
- Jeroboam chose to continue his _____, and it destroyed his _____. (1 Kings 13:6, 33-34)

The Morals

- God's people are called to _____ his character to a world that doesn't _____.
- Our desires, fears and insecurities _____ us to make compromises that distort the _____.
- It is in those moments that it's most _____ for us to stay true to the _____ of God.

Spoiler Alert

- In Jesus we have a savior who equips us to _____ and _____ God's character. (John 17:14-20)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

- If you could move a holiday to a different place in the calendar, what would you do?

2. Into the Bible (1 Timothy 6:3-11)

- What are the motives of the false teachers described in v. 3-5? Why are they distorting the Gospel?

- Is it possible for people to disagree on doctrine for reasons other than the ones Paul is calling out here?

- How does Jeroboam's story fit with this passage?

- What does Paul tell Timothy to do instead, according to v. 6 and 11? How do these commands keep us from corruption?

3. Going Deeper

- What forces or desires do you see today that are pressuring Christians to compromise their witness to the character of God?

- Where do you personally experience those pressures?

- How can we resist the pressure to compromise our witness?

4. Prayer

- Pray that God would help each other reflect God's character in daily life.