

4/15/2018 – More: Have You Done What You Know to Do?

GROW GROUP HOMEWORK

Welcome to Winter/Spring 2018 sermon-based Grow Groups! To prepare for your time together, fully answer the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is one characteristic you received from you parents that you want to keep, and one you wish you could change?

2. What is something important a grandparent or older mentor taught you?

3. What was impactful to you from this weekend's message?

INTO THE BIBLE

Pastor Jim talked about the fact that we need to do what God has already told us to do. He said, "We generally don't have a lack of knowing what to do, we have a lack of obedience to what we already know." This isn't a new problem. It's been going on for centuries. Let's look at the life of King Solomon for an example.

King Solomon had just been anointed as King of Israel. His father, King David, was about to die and had some great words of wisdom for him.

1. Read 1 Kings 2:1-3. What was the charge that David gave to Solomon?

2. After Solomon was on the throne, he prayed to God. Read 1 Kings 3:6-9.
 - A) How did Solomon feel about his ability to carry out the task that was ahead of him? (verse 7)
 - B) What did Solomon ask God for in verse 9?

3. Read 1 Kings 3:10-14.

- A) How did God feel about Solomon's request in verse 9?
- B) Why do you think Solomon's response was pleasing to God?
- C) What were the conditions for God to "prolong Solomon's days" as found in verse 14?

King David had made many mistakes but when he was confronted with his mistakes, he repented and turned back to God. Remember, God describes King David as a "man after His own heart." David wasn't perfect but his heart was aligned with God.

Solomon had been promised to prolong his days if he kept God's commands with a heart like his father's. In chapters 3-8 of 1 Kings, Solomon did what God had commanded and his wisdom and wealth were unrivaled. God had him build the temple for God and his reign as king was great. Solomon was the most powerful man on earth.

4. Read 1 Kings 9:1-5. God met with Solomon personally for the second time.

- A) Had Solomon done well from God's perspective?
- B) What did God reiterate to Solomon in verse 4?
- C) Why do you think God kept telling Solomon to do what He had said?

5. Read 1 Kings 9:6-9. What were going to be the consequences if they didn't follow God?

6. Read 1 Kings 10:23-25.

- A) How do you think Solomon was feeling about himself?
- B) What are some areas of sin that could creep into someone's life who God is blessing?

7. Read 1 Kings 11:1-8. We have just read (1 Kings 10:23-25) about King Solomon being at the pinnacle of his walk with God.

- A) What are a couple of things Solomon did that went against what he knew to be the right thing?
- B) How do we know that one area of disobedience led to another area of disobedience in his life (verse 4)?

8. God then raised up adversaries against Israel and the Kingdom of Israel was divided from that point onward. What role did Solomon's disobedience have in bringing down the nation of Israel?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Jim said, "there are consequences to disobedience to God." What are some of the consequences you've encountered through disobedience to God? How has it helped you in the long run toward a lasting obedience?

2. What are some areas in your life right now that you know what to do but haven't brought your life into obedience with God? What are the reasons for disobedience?

3. What do you need to do right now to bring your life into full obedience to God? What things do you need to stop doing or start doing?