



THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series

Journey Group Lesson “The Kingdom Torn in Two” – April 21, 2013

Getting Started

What is your favorite movie of all time?

Have you ever learned any life lessons from a movie?

Digging Deeper

Read 1 Kings 12:1-11

When Solomon’s son, Rehoboam, was faced with a decision about the heavy taxes Solomon had placed on the people, he sought two sources of input. Why do you think the advice was so radically different?

Older people who have walked longer in life often carry a body of wisdom in their heart. Who is a very wise person you know and how has he or she impacted your life?

What is one of the best pieces of wisdom this person has offered you through the years?

In their wisdom, the elders told Rehoboam that if he served the nation, the people would gladly follow him. Jesus modeled this truth in John 13, when he washed the disciples feet. How can serving with a humble heart actually make a person a stronger leader?

Bringing It Home

The division of the kingdom was a result of Rehoboam’s harsh leadership style, but it was as put in motion by Solomon’s idolatry. What can we learn from the wrong attitudes and actions of both father and son in this story?

What are some ways that idolatry can still slip into our lives today? How can we identify it and root it out before it weakens and destroys us?

Spend time thanking God for the people of wisdom he has put into our lives. Thank God for never giving up on us, even when we fail.