

KINGS AND CHRONICLES

Small Group Guide – Week of November 9

Kings and Chronicles: Divided Heart, Divided Life

Date: Week of November 9, 2025

Focus Passage(s): 1 Kings 12:28–30; 2 Chronicles 16:9

Theme: This session is about exploring how pride, fear, and sin can weaken us, and how God restores unity and strength through repentance and grace.

Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Build connection and open up the room
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss real-life application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Optional deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

1. Icebreaker

Time: 10 minutes

Prompt (choose one):

Have you ever been in a situation where pride or fear caused conflict? What happened and how did it resolve?

“A divided heart weakens us, but a surrendered heart empowers us.” What comes to mind when you hear that statement?

2. Message Recap + Scripture Introduction

Time: 5 minutes

When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam took the throne. His pride divided the kingdom, and fear led others to create idols. Pride, fear, and sin always divide, but repentance and obedience restore.

Read aloud:

1 Kings 12:28–30; 2 Chronicles 16:9

Prompt:

Why do you think our hearts can become divided so easily?

3. Group Discussion

Time: 25 minutes

1. *Pride Divides Relationships (Rehoboam's Story)*

Read: 1 Kings 12:4–14

Rehoboam's pride caused the nation to split. He listened to voices that told him what he wanted to hear, not what he needed to hear.

- What does Rehoboam's response reveal about how pride affects decision-making?
- How does pride show up in subtle ways in your relationships or leadership?
- What helps you choose humility when pride feels easier?

Pride often leads us to stop listening to God and to others. Reflection on listening vs. talking can be powerful here.

2. *Fear Divides Our Faith (Jeroboam's Story)*

Read: 1 Kings 12:28–30

Jeroboam feared losing control, so he built idols to keep people loyal to him instead of God.

- How does fear lead us toward substitutes instead of trusting God?
 - What modern “golden calves” do people turn to for security or control?
 - Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” How do our treasures reveal our trust?
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3. *Sin Separates (Rehoboam's Decline)*

Read: 2 Chronicles 12:1–9

Rehoboam abandoned God's law, and what was once gold became bronze, a metaphor for how sin replaces what is best with something lesser.

- What are some “bronze shields” people use today to look fine on the outside while losing peace or purpose inside?
 - Why do you think small compromises can be so dangerous over time?
 - Read Galatians 6:7. What does it mean that “a man reaps what he sows” in your own life?
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4. *Repentance and Obedience Restore (Asa's Story)*

Read: 2 Chronicles 15:1–15 and 16:9

King Asa led Judah back to God by removing idols and renewing their covenant. God gave them peace in return.

- What does Asa's story show us about God's response to sincere repentance?
- How do you recognize when God is calling you to restore a divided area of your heart?
- What does obedience look like when your faith feels weak?

"The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." (2 Chronicles 16:9)

4. Deeper Dive (Optional Study or Personal Challenge)

What area of your life feels divided right now? What does it look like to bring that to God, and pray through it? What's one practical step you can take this week to surrender that part of your heart back to God?

Recommended Resource:

- **GotQuestions.org article:** "What does the Bible say about egotism/egoism?"

5. Prayer Time (10 min)

Time: 10-15 minutes

- Thank God for His sovereignty and wisdom in our lives.
- Ask for guidance and help when we feel the pull to be self-sufficient.
- Pray for the others in your group to trust God in new ways this week.

Open Prayer Requests:

Invite members to share any personal needs or situations they'd like prayer for—spiritual, emotional, or practical.