



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 Kings 2:1-4 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) If you were nearing the end of your life, what would you want your children or those whom you've invested in, to remember? What advice would you give them?
- 5) The ESV Study Bible says this concerning the phrase "show yourself a man" ::

“ ‘Show yourself a man’ seems to be an idiom that refers primarily to conducting oneself bravely (cf. 1 Sam. 4:9; 1 Cor. 16:13), as defined specifically here within the framework of faithful adherence to the Mosaic law; it will take bravery for Solomon to lead the people faithfully.”

Why does it take courage to lead people well?

- 6) God created several covenants with Israel. One of them was specifically regarding the Law in the Old Testament. David alludes to it in this passage. If Israel, and especially the Kings of Israel, will walk in God's ways, and follow his laws, then they will prosper. How did Israel do in this regard?
- 7) The Gospel Transformation Study Bible says this ::

“When Christians worship Jesus as the “King of kings” (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16), however, our despair turns to delight. What motivates such worship is the fact that Jesus was perfectly obedient, fulfilling all the kingly virtues detailed in 1 Kings 2:2–4. Additionally, our obedient King reigns eternally at the right hand of God the Father, securing unending blessing and security. Ultimately, the flawed and temporary kingship presented to us through Israel's kings shines the bright spotlight of contrast onto the eternal and flawless kingship of Jesus, reminding each of us why we worship Jesus as our King.”

In your life, how has Jesus proved faithful?

- 8) How does the message of the gospel help us to faithfully follow God rather than resort to rebellion?
- 9) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.