

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families or individuals.

“Family Photo – Rehoboam: Lost Opportunities – 1 Kings 12:1-6”

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Big Idea: God given opportunities can lead to reliance or resistance

For Starters

1. When were you glad to take advantage of what you thought was a God given or special opportunity? What was the result of acting upon that opportunity?
2. What special opportunity in your life did you feel you really blew it or lost it? In retrospect, what would you have done differently?

Digging In

Read 1 Kings 12:1-17

1. How did Rehoboam and Jeroboam become advisors (1 Kings 11:26-40)?
2. Do you think if Rehoboam had responded to his critic's differently that the Kingdom would have remained intact (1 Kings 11:29-31)? Could Rehoboam have responded differently or was the prophesy regarding Jeroboam going to come true any way?
3. Identify the opportunities you think Rehoboam could have shown reliance on God rather than resistance to God. How could he have handled the situation/requests differently?
4. As you work through the passage, where are you reminded of Jesus as the perfect King?
5. In what way do you see or not see Rehoboam fitting into Jesus' family photo? How would you describe this kind of “grandfather” in your family's photo (2 Chronicles 12:13-16)?

Bringing It Home

1. What lessons can you learn from the life of King Rehoboam?
2. How does the way you respond to God-given opportunities in your life bless others and honor God?
3. Are there any current God-given opportunities in your life right now? How will you respond? What will dictate how you will respond?
4. Have you personally responded to the God-given opportunity to rely on King Jesus for your life? When did this become a reality to you?

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