

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 17

- 1. What does the political landscape of Ancient Israel look like in II Samuel 16-24? How does this landscape change at the beginning of I Kings? Why? What factors lead to its change?**
- 2. In your opinion, what is David's legacy? What do you remember most about his reign as king? What were his strengths? What were his weaknesses? Do you believe he lived up to the covenant he made with God? Why or why not?**
- 3. Who is chosen to succeed David as King of Israel? How is he chosen? Why? What is he instructed to do?**
- 4. What does Solomon pray for in I Kings 3? How does God respond to this prayer? What results from this prayer?**
- 5. What lesson(s) does Jesus want the disciples to learn from the Parable of the Widow and the Unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) and the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)? How are these parables similar? How are they different?**
- 6. Jesus is a political as well as a religious figure. Using specific examples from Luke 18-20, describe and define Jesus' political ideology.**
- 7. Study the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-9. Does this story portray Jesus as a politician, theologian, or both? Can Jesus' politics be separated from his theology? If so, how? If not, why not?**
- 8. What is resurrection? What do we learn about it from Jesus' speech in Luke 20:27-40?**