

Growth Group Discussion Questions
Series: “Watch Out For Lesser Gods”- Part 2”
“Rehoboam: Craving Significance At Any Price”
Week of February 28st, 2021

Message Summary: From Solomon to his first born Rehoboam, We see a “lesser god” derailing each of them! For Solomon it was lust for women and accomplishments, and for his son Rehoboam, it is a pursuit of Significance at any cost! That pursuit cost Rehoboam, who had just become king of Israel, to so anger the people of Israel that a rebellion and civil war broke out. That conflict split the kingdom and left Rehoboam with the land of Judah, the southern kingdom. The 10 tribes of the North were now led by Jeroboam! But Rehoboam’s life teaches us that: significance in the Kingdom of God comes from being rightly related to God! Being His child is the top of the heap! And, wanting to be honored and lifted up is not a bad thing, but you must go about it in a God-pleasing fashion. Humility precedes honor in the kingdom of God! So, we have our work cut out for us to see the counter-intuitive nature of significance... God lifts up the humble, and he humbles the proud! Let’s go to work with that thought in mind!

ICE BREAKERS

1. What restaurant are you going to head for when the “all clear” from COVID is declared and you can dine inside at any restaurant in Los Angeles County?

GOING DEEPER

1. Everyone is born with a desire to be significant or to “matter”... that is not a bad thing. It only a problem when we fail to discover the significance that God has already placed on your life. Look at the following passage and discuss the questions below:

Gen.1:26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” 27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

- a. Verse 27 says: God created you in His own image. Discuss what that means.
- b. We see that Genesis tells us that God created people in His image, but did he create anything else in His image that we know if?
- c. Discuss the significance of being created in God’s image.

2. When sin entered the world the image of God in us was tarnished by sin’s presence in us all. But our significance to God was never in question. Look at the following verse and discuss the question below:

Romans 5:8 “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

- a. How does God show that you were significant to Him even when you were a sinner, running away from Him?

3. Look at the two verses below and discuss the questions that follow:

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- (NIV)

Romans 8:17 “And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.”

- a. John 1:12 says that those who put their trust in Jesus & receive Him as their Savior- are adopted into God’s family as His children! Look at Rom.8:17. What does it mean that as His children, (together with Jesus); we are heirs of His glory?
- b. Discuss the significance of being an heir of the Kingdom Of God. Can you think of a more significant thing you will ever possess?

4. We discussed in the message that we all long for significance in our lives here on earth as well as in heaven. Peter, Jesus right hand man, gave us the pathway to achieve significance in this life for those who follow Jesus. Look at the passage below and discuss the questions that follow:

1 Peter 5:6 So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.”

- a. Peter points out that the way of achieving significance in this life is to do just the opposite of what we would normally think needs to happen. So, with that in mind, what is Peter saying that Believers should do who are in search of significance?
- b. Discuss what is involved in humbling yourself under the mighty power of God.

5. Jesus had something to say about the issue of significance... he called it greatness in the kingdom of God. Look at the following verse and discuss the question below:

Luke 22: 24 “A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.”

- a. How does Jesus’ example make the pathway to significance open to every Christian?