

Life Application Questions

Who's The King

1 Kings 1

Scratching The Surface

Why do you think that it is so common for people to desire power?

The Heart Of The Matter

Dave talked about how toxic the desire for power can be, why do you think the desire for power can be so dangerous?

Do you have any examples that come to mind when you think of the idea of people acting out of fear because of their desire for power?

How do you think believing in an all-powerful God should transform a christian's attitude towards power?

Digging Deeper

Has anyone read (or tried reading) the book of Kings before?

What did you remember from it? Was there anything that you particularly enjoyed? Was there anything you found particularly difficult?

Read 1 Kings 1:1-8

What stands out to you about the way that David is described in these opening verses and the way that Adonijah is described in verses 5-8?

"Idols of power, then, are not only for the powerful. You can pursue power in small, petty ways, by becoming a local neighbourhood bully or a low-level bureaucrat who bosses around the few people in his field of authority. Power idolatry is all around us."

Tim Keller, Counterfeit Gods, p112

What are some of the most common ways that everyday people (like us) desire power?

Read vs 15-31

How does the way that Bathsheba approaches David differently at the beginning and end of what you've just read give us a little picture of how we relate to God because of the gospel?