

LEADER NOTES

- **Set the tone early.**

This is a conversation about influence.

- Not intelligence.
- Not authority.

- **Keep the focus on counsel.**

Rehoboam listened to multiple voices.

Pay attention to who people allow to shape their decisions.

- **Watch for agreement language.**

Notice when people describe voices that affirm, protect, or defend them. Gently redirect toward voices that challenge and refine.

- **Gently guide application.**

Help the group name the voices shaping their choices before talking about change. Ask what needs to shift. Avoid fixing or advising or rescuing.

The circumstances we ask God to CHANGE are often the circumstances God is using to CHANGE US.

Close in prayer: Ask God to quiet competing voices, listen to wise counsel and make wisdom clear.

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY

Luke 12:22-34

ASK FOR PRAYER REQUESTS*
ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER

***Share & record prayer requests.**
Follow up throughout the week.

PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE

Wisdom, Friendships, and Relationships

TARGET

Topic: Who you listen to determines where you go.

Take Away: Your future is shaped by who you listen to. Wise relationships strengthen obedience. Unwise counsel multiplies regret.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: *When you face a tough decision who do you usually go to for advice?*

This Week's Passage: *1 Kings 12:1-16*

Share background: *Under King Solomon, Israel reached a spiritual and political breaking point due to Solomon's failure to remain faithful to God's commands. Solomon's heart turned toward the foreign gods of his many wives, leading him to build high places for idols. Military strength peaked during this era, yet this security came at the cost of spiritual compromise and the looming threat of internal rebellion. The lavish construction of the Temple and the royal palace was funded by a heavy system of taxation and forced labor. By the time Solomon passed away, and his son Rehoboam took the throne, the stage was set for a massive civil revolt fueled by decades of fiscal strain and spiritual drift.*

Tell the story. Rebuild the story.
Read the story from God's Word.

Head Question: *What did the passage tell us, about Rehoboam's decision and what were the consequences?*

Heart Question: *When did you recognize wise counsel in a critical moment and still choose what you wanted because of pride?*

Hands Question: *What is one relationship in your life where you need to change how much influence that person has over your decisions?*