

The Common Thread: There is a Holy God who lovingly pursues a relationship with His creation, Man.

Big Picture

- God is Holy (good, pleasing, right) and sovereign.
- Man rebels and lives in their own way- doing what is right in their own eyes (determining good and evil for themselves).
- God continues to redirect His people back to a right path and blessing.
- Obedience to God leads to blessing.
- Disobedience leads to destruction.
- God Continues to work out His plan of restoration in spite of man's failings.

Scene 1 - Kings

1 Kings, 2 Kings

If you ask for a leader, are you willing to follow?

1 Samuel 8:10-18

Be careful of the people who have influence in your life.

It is a question of sovereignty.

Life Group Questions

For week of February 9th

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Just as physical growth varies for all of us, the same is true for our spiritual growth. Which of the following words could be used to describe your spiritual growth journey?

Growing	Hasn't started yet
Falling	Starting over
Refreshed	Going backwards
Just Beginning	Confused
Consistent	Struggling
Rebellious	Other

What is one thing about Real Life Church that has helped you in your spiritual journey?

What is one way Real Life Church can help people stay in relationship with God and each other?

Consider coming as a group to RL Vision Night on Sunday, February 16th at 6 pm to celebrate what God is doing and to see where God is leading us.

Going Deeper

Read 1 Kings 11:4-6 What lead Solomon astray?

What can we learn about Compromise?

Read 1 Kings 11:9-13 What is God's response to Solomon?

Does it seem Fair?

Does God Have the right to set his own rules and consequences?

Read 1 Kings 18:16-39 Compare the people's attitude in verses 21 & 39?

What does this tell us about people? About God?

Read Nehemiah 8:8-12 As the city is restored, Nehemiah seeks to restore the people as well by turning them again to the word of God.

What was their reaction?

How should we celebrate restoration?

Spiritual growth involves both God's Spirit working in our lives from the inside out, and us working on how God calls us to live. The process of maturing can be hard work. How do the following verses increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop a spiritually mature perspective?

Philippians 2:12-13

Philippians 3:13-14

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

2 Timothy 2:4-5

Hebrews 12:1-2

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 Spiritual growth is measured not by how much we know, but rather by how we live...just as the Judges and the prophets gave direction to follow God. Thessalonians gives a list of great things to know and live out as we follow Jesus and impact those around us. Which one or two do you think would push you toward the most growth?

Scene 2 - Judges

Judges 21:25

Obedience to God leads to blessing.

Disobedience leads to disaster.

Getting back on track:

- Confession—agreeing with God what is right and wrong.
- Repentance—back in relationship.

Compromise leads to natural consequences.

Scene 3 - Prophets

Isaiah

1. Foretelling (future events)
2. Forth-telling (facts about their present situation)

Shows God's commitment to His relationship to man.

His Commitment to His Promise.

Jesus is King, Judge and Prophet.

Wait, I am coming personally to restore the relationship.

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