

BUILDING BLOCKS

What is the Church?

Part 6

Does It Really Matter HOW We Worship?

Let's open our Bibles back to **1 Kings 12**, to a sad time in the history of the children of Israel when the kingdom split in two. Jason will read **verses 25-33**.

Did you notice **WHERE** Jeroboam got the idea?
...that he had devised from his _____ heart. (12:33)

It was _____ idea, not God's idea.

Did you notice **WHY** Jeroboam did it?
"Now the kingdom will turn _____ to the house of David..." (12:26)

He was being _____, not honoring God.

Did you notice **WHO** Jeroboam did it for?
And he said to the _____, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." (12:28)

It was all about **HIMSELF** and the _____, not God.

But here's the question: **Was that a really BIG deal?**
Then this thing became a _____... (12:30)

What was God going to do about it?

"Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, _____ by name..." (13:2)

And in **2 Kings 22**, God fulfilled his promise.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Let's read **2 Kings 22:1-13** and think through some important things together...
- ▶ How had God's temple and people gotten to be in such sad shape?
- ▶ Why was Josiah so upset when he heard about the Book of the Law being found?
- ▶ Does it really matter **HOW** we worship? What can we learn from **Genesis 4:1-7**? What can we learn from **Leviticus 10:1-3**?
- ▶ On Sunday we learned **WHY** the church reads Scripture, sings, observes the Lord's Supper, prays, and listens to preaching when we gather together. Is it a big deal if someone decides to change that and do something different? If so, **WHY?**
- ▶ Can you think of an example of how people have decided to change worship? Are there any similarities to the example of Jeroboam in **1 Kings 12**?