



### **Part 1 – Does The Bible Contradict Itself?**

If we're honest, the Bible can be a messy and complicated book. At times, it seems like there are parts that contradict one another. Is that true? How should we approach the Bible when we don't find what we expect to?

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 21:1-18, 2 Chronicles 33:10-13

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Are there parts of the Bible that you have found to be problematic, contradictory, or hard to understand? What are they and how have you tried to resolve those difficulties (if at all)?
2. Pastor Dave mentioned that we should expect to find diversity, disagreement, and developments on different issues in the Bible. Can you think of passages or topics that prove that to be true? Do any of those bother you or make you feel uncomfortable? Or do they make you feel more confident or encouraged? Or something else altogether?
3. In your opinion, are differences and contradictions the same thing? How would you define each one? Would you say the Bible contains contradictions? Why or why not?

### **Moving Forward**

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. As we think about what the Bible is all about, what does this passage tell us are some of the primary purposes of Scripture? How could that information help you to decide how to read and interpret the Bible?