

Study Guide on Message: King ASA

Use this set of questions to explore the message more deeply—whether in personal reflection, around the table, or in a small group discussion.

General Small Group Questions

- The most encouraging Thought I heard in the message was....
- The most challenging thought I had in the message was
- The Most confusing thought I heard was.....

Observation (What does the text say?)

1. What choices did Asa make in 1 Kings 15:9–15 that showed his loyalty to God above his family?
1. Why would removing his grandmother from power have been such a costly and painful decision?
1. In Matthew 10:34–39, Jesus warns that following Him can divide families. What images or phrases stand out to you in this passage?
1. Both passages highlight conflict between faith and family ties. What do you notice about how each one addresses this tension?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

5. What do Asa's actions teach us about the cost of choosing God over family approval?
5. Why do you think Jesus said He came to bring division—even within families—instead of peace?
5. How does Asa's story illustrate the same truth Jesus taught about loving Him more than father, mother, son, or daughter?
5. What does it really mean to “love God more than family” without turning our families into enemies?

On Your Own Time (These Might Sting a Bit)

I recommend setting aside one of your daily devotion times to work through these questions. Depending on how honest you're willing to get with yourself and with God, it might take around 30-60 minutes. I know it's a long time, but hey, 30 min is worth growing in sanctification right? Be as specific as possible. And if you're feeling really brave, consider sharing one or two of your answers with your small group.

Have you ever faced a situation where following Jesus put you at odds with your family? How did you respond?

Family & Faith Tension

Every family has “unspoken rules” or secrets. How have those shaped your walk with God?

Has anyone in your family made it harder for you to follow God wholeheartedly? How did that tension affect your faith?

Priorities & Allegiances

When you look at how you spend your time, money, and energy—what does it reveal about whether God or family comes first?

What would need to shift in your life for God to clearly be your top priority, even above family expectations?

Who or what has the strongest influence on your values and decisions right now—your family or your faith in Christ?

Conflict & Courage

When your faith is criticized—whether by family or others—how do you usually respond?

Asa had to embrace uncomfortable change to follow God. Are there areas where you resist change because of family influence or tradition?

Faith & the Cost of Discipleship

On a scale of 1–10, how close do you feel to God right now, especially when family pressures test your faith?

What is one area of family or personal life where your relationship with Christ hasn't yet brought clarity or peace?

Are there parts of your life you've held back from God because of fear of losing family approval? What keeps you from surrendering them?

