



DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What's on your winter bucket list that you still want to do or need to get done?

1. **1 Kings 21:1-4** tells a story of two men and the (non) sale of a vineyard. What was really at stake in this discussion between Ahab and Naboth?
2. What are some things in your life that you just cannot do because of your faith, despite those around you not understanding what the big deal is?
3. **1 Kings 21:5-10** highlights what a bad influence can accomplish. Ahab gets his vineyard, but at what expense? Think of people in your life who are bad influences...how do you make sure they don't lead you where you do not want to go?
4. Who are the people in your life who you and God would agree lead you in the right direction, and how can you maximize their influence?
5. It can seem that evil always wins, and the good guy finishes last, but Pastor Tom points out that God will ultimately bring justice. Read **1 Kings 21:17-24** and discuss how you can stay focused on doing right when God's justice is not necessarily in your preferred timing.
6. How do you feel about Ahab receiving mercy, and how does that attitude change when it's you in Ahab's place as the one needing mercy? Read **1 Kings 21:27-29** for perspective.
7. Ask yourself: *This week, how can I change my "justice for others, mercy for me" attitude and just trust God to do the right thing?*

Day One: Psalm 17

Day Two: Proverbs 17

Day Three: Joshua 17

Day Four: Isaiah 17

Day Five: Acts 17

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.



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Note [James 5:17a](#)

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Note [Isaiah 5:20](#)

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Note [Numbers 36:7](#) and [Ezekiel 46:18a](#)

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Note [1 Kings 18:4](#); [19:2](#)

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