

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 7 - March 13, 2021

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 22-23: Be Zealous For the Lord

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Where is the most beautiful place that you have ever been? Where is the least beautiful place that you have ever been? What were the attributes that added or detracted from the beauty of each place?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

Sin leads to destruction but the soul that loves God will bear fruits of repentance.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 22:1-2.** Based on these verses, what do we already know about King Josiah?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 22:10-13.** What is King Josiah's reaction to the discovery made in these verses?
 - b. **Read 2 Kings 22:14-20.** Discuss the prophecy given by Huldah, and what the implications are. Why is the prophecy favorable for King Josiah, but unfavorable for the people of Judah?
2. **Read 2 Kings 23:4-16.** Describe King Josiah's zeal for the Lord in these passages. We are also called to repentance and zealousness for the Lord. Are there "idols" in our lives that also need to be destroyed? If so, what steps can we take to accomplish this?
 - a. Verse 16 says, "according to the word of the Lord that the man of God proclaimed, who had predicted these things." **Read 1 Kings 13:2-3.** The

events in this passage occurred over 300 years before Josiah's birth. Discuss the power of fulfilled prophecy as it relates to our hope.

- b. **Read 2 Kings 23:25-26.** King Josiah was exalted in this passage because of his repentance, but the people of Judah were not. What implication does this have for us?
- 3. **Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11.** What is the "Godly grief" that Paul speaks of? What is the "earnestness" that this grief has produced in us?
 - a. **Read 1 Peter 1:14-17.** How does our repentance lead us into a full relationship with God? How do we become "holy"?
 - b. **Read 1 John 3:9-10.** How do we avoid making "a practice of sinning"? Is our repentance a guarantee that we will no longer sin? How is our salvation secured?
 - c. **Read Romans 6:1-4.** Since we are saved by grace, and our sins are forgiven, how does this passage of scripture encourage us in our Christian walk?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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