

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 7 - February 13, 2021

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 15-17: In Spirit and in Truth

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Where was the last place you spent time away from home? Why did you choose that location?

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

God is seeking people like us, with a history of sin and animosity, to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 16:10-12.** Describe the events that take place in this passage of scripture. What would cause King Ahaz to take this action?
 - a. Is the modern church guilty of similar actions? Explain your answer.
 - b. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22.** Does Paul's warning to the Corinthians speak into what happens in 2 Kings 16:10-12? If so, in what way?
2. **Read 2 Kings 17:26-29.** Describe the events in these passages of scripture. What, do you believe, is the result of this disobedience to God? What does this say about the heart of man?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 17:40-41.** After reading this passage, describe how our actions can affect our families.
 - b. What actions can we take, as believers, to protect our families from falling into sinful ways?
 - c. Is our faithfulness a guarantee that our children will walk in righteousness? What other influences may affect their beliefs? What is our role in guiding them through these hazards?

3. The latter part of 2 Kings 17 discusses the failures of the people of Samaria. The failures of Samaria still influenced the people in Jesus' time. **Read John 4:1-10.** Although the religious leaders of Israel avoided Samaria, Jesus still chose to go there. Why, do you believe he chose to go there?
 - a. **Read John 4:10-13.** Explain this conversation in terms of what the water speaks of represents.
 - b. **Read John 4: 21-24.** How would you explain this statement by Jesus to someone who sought to understand it?
 - i. How do we worship God in Spirit?
 - ii. How do we worship God in Truth?

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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