

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 14 - March 20, 2021

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 24-25: The Love of a Father

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Who is the most inspiring person you have ever met?

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

In times of difficulty we sometimes question God's love for us, but God's loving discipline is proof of his fatherly love for us.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 24:1-4.** What is God's purpose in bringing this judgement on Judah? **Read 2 Kings 23:26-27.** Based on these passages, what provoked God's wrath?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 24:8-16.** Describe the results of Nebuchadnezzar's second raid. What now remains of the kingdom of Judah?
 - b. **Read 2 Kings 25:1-11.** These verses complete the destruction of Judah and the exile of the people of Judah, excluding a few of the poor. What purpose do you see as being served through the destruction of Judah and the captivity of its people? What might we learn from these events?
2. **Read Hebrews 12:5-11.** During difficult times, it is often hard to realize that God may be allowing the difficulty to strengthen your faith. According to this passage, what is the purpose of God's chastening?
 - a. How would you describe the purpose of God's chastening to someone who might not have considered its benefits?
 - b. Has there been a time when your life benefitted from God's chastening? If so, discuss.
 - c. **Read Proverbs 13:1,18,and 24.** Based on these verses, do you believe God's loving discipline is proof of his fatherly love for us. Explain your answer.

3. Looking back over our study of 1 & 2 Kings, “Desiring the Kingdom”, what has made the biggest impact in your relationship with God?
 - a. Which prophets, kings, stories stood out to you during our study? What did you learn that you did not previously know? What made you rethink what you previously understood?
 - b. Describe how you or someone you know can be drawn closer to Jesus through the study of 1 & 2 Kings.
 - c. How can you share what you have learned with others who might profit from a more in-depth understanding of these books?

TAKING IT HOME

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

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

➤

➤

➤

➤

➤