Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 15 - November 21, 2020

Desiring the Kingdom 2 Kings 9-10: The Radical Change

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

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 the story of King Jehu, we see that it is possible to do the right things for the wrong reasons, but Jesus is able to bring about the radical change we need.

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. **Read 2 Kings 9:1-13.** In this passage, Jehu is anointed king over Israel. Why is Jehu's anointing so readily accepted by the servants of Jehu?
 - a. **Read 1 Samuel 10:1 and 16:13**. After reading this, describe your understanding of a king being anointed with oil? What significance did this have in relationship to Jehu?
 - b. The prophet sent by Elisha asked more of Jehu than what he was told by Elisha. How would you explain this?
- 2. Read 2 Kings 9:14-29. Jehu enthusiastically carries out the directions he is given by the prophet. What is his motivation? Is he justified in his actions? Why or why not?
 - a. Is there an application to our lives in this passage? If so, how would you describe it to someone?
 - b. In 2 Kings 9:24-26, Jehu instructs his aide on how to dispose of Joram's body. Why was this important? (Hint: **Read 1 Kings 21:1-16**)

- 3. **Read 2 Kings 9:30-37**. Why did Jehu search out Jezebel to kill her? Do you believe that this is justified?
 - a. Is Jehu helping to fulfill prophecy or is he acting on his own behalf? Explain your answer.
 - b. Why does Jezebel call Jehu "you Zimri"? **Read 1 Kings 16:8-10** to aid in answering this question.
- 4. **Read 2 Kings 10:15-17**. Why do you believe it was important to Jehu to impress Jehonadab? What does this say about Jehu's motivation?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 10:29-31**. Considering these passages, how do you now see Jehu's motivation?
 - b. In speaking about Jehu, G. Campbell Morgan said: "How terrible a warning is the story of this man: that it is possible to be an instrument in the hand of God, and yet never be in fellowship with him." Discuss this quote in terms of how we should view our service to God.
- 5. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17**. This passage reveals the source of radical change in our lives. When we serve God, how should this change affect our service?

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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