

groups

Study Group: Leader Guide
2 Kings 21:1-18 & 2 Kings 22-23 – January 14th - 20th

CHECK-IN

An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.

STUDY

Main Topics: Generational Sin, Repentance, Revival

Read 2 Kings 21:1-18

- Look through and list all the acts Manasseh did to reject and rebel against God.
- How were the people of Judah going to be held accountable for what happened in their nation?
- People often struggle with understanding the wrath of God. How do verses 8-15 show both God's patience and His judgment?
- What was the end result of Manasseh's rejection of God?

Read 2 Kings 22-23 (Feel free to read through both chapters or to read specific verses as you ask each question)

- Look through and list all the acts Josiah did to show his devotion and repentance to the Lord.
- Why is the cycle of generational sin broken during Josiah's life? **(22:11-13, 19-20)**
- What did it mean for Josiah to renew the covenant? **(23:1-3)**
 - What actions followed that renewal? (destroyed strongholds for sin, brought others along (discipled others), celebrated God's provision) **(Ch. 23)**
- How did Josiah have to stand up against the culture of his time? **(23:5,15,24-25)**
- Why is Josiah so relentless in his reform and revival?

APPLY

- What are some modern comparisons to the sins that Manasseh committed?
- Have you ever had to stand up against corruption from someone who was an authority in your life?
- What would it look like for us to turn to the Lord as Josiah did today?
- Are there any generational sins that you desire to turn from today?
 - Are there any you've turned from in the past?
- Is there anything we need to repent of as individuals or as a community like Josiah and the Israelites did?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?

Leader Notes:

Ch 22:1-3 – Josiah made a public, binding agreement to completely obey the Lord by doing all that was commanded in the Book of the Covenant that the people had just heard read to them. Following Josiah's example; all the people promised to keep the stipulations of the Mosaic covenant. (Exodus 24:4-8)

This was a call to remember the covenant that God made to His people as long as they served and obeyed Him fully. Throughout the history of Israel the people fell short again and again as they turned to serve other gods and idols. This eventually led to exile, destruction of God's chosen city Jerusalem, and a broken relationship with God. The beautiful thing is that Jesus on behalf of Israel and all humanity lived the only life that could uphold God's covenants made to humanity and so through him we, even though we fall short, can abide in relationship with God. For Jesus is committed to make us more and more faithful over time by having promised the Holy Spirit to abide in us and slowly transform our hearts into God's likeness.

Reminders to Leaders:

- This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Study Group.
- Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word.
- There may be questions you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth.
- Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on their relationship with God. Your role is to **facilitate this experience, not to complete** the discussion guide.

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