
RADICAL COMMITMENT: 2 Chronicles 15:1-16**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When you think of someone who wholeheartedly seeks the Lord, who comes to mind? What causes them to come to mind?

STUDY THE BIBLE**2 Chronicles 15:1-7**

Read Aloud: Have someone read 2 Chronicles 15:1-7.

Discussion: Azariah delivered a powerful message to King Asa. What are the main points?

Azariah encouraged Asa to seek the Lord wholeheartedly. What might seeking God look like in the lives of His people today?

Why do you think God sent this message at this particular time in Asa's reign?

2 Chronicles 15:8-9

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read 2 Chronicles 15:8-9.

Discussion: How did the covenant renewal affect the community as a whole?

Asa removed idols from the land. What are some modern-day "idols" that people should remove from their lives as God-followers?

People had defected from Israel to Judah when they saw God at work in King Asa's life (v.9). If someone observed your life and faith, what would attract them to consider Christianity? What originally attracted you to Christianity?

2 Chronicles 15:10-16

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud 2 Chronicles 15:10-16.

Discussion: What radical commitments did King Asa and the people make to the Lord as revival continued? Are there modern-day equivalents?

Was the command in verse 13 fair? Why or why not?

Asa removed his mother's idolatrous image to honor God (v.16). How do you navigate situations where your values conflict with loved ones' choices?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Seek God Wholeheartedly: Just as Asa and the people sought the Lord with all their heart and soul, make it a priority to seek God in your daily life through prayer, worship, and studying His Word.

Remove Modern-Day Idols: Asa removed idols from the land to honor God. Reflect on anything in your life that might be taking priority over your relationship with God, and take steps to address it.

Commit to Spiritual Renewal: Asa led the people in renewing their covenant with God. Consider ways you can renew your commitment to God, whether through personal reflection, joining a faith community, or setting spiritual goals.

PRAYER TIME

COMPELLED TO ACT: Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-5

CREATE INTEREST

Question: Where is 'home' for you, what do you love about it, and how long have you been away from your roots?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 1:1-4

Read Aloud: Have someone read Nehemiah 1:1-4.

Discussion: How would you describe Nehemiah's response to the news about Jerusalem, and what does this say about his relationship with God and his love for his fellow Jews?

How do we keep our love for fellow believers in our group, and the members of our larger church family, from growing cold?

What would be signs that 'the love of most has grown cold' towards others and their needs? Are any of those signs present in our group? Our church?

Nehemiah 1:5-11

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Nehemiah 1:5-11.

Discussion: In verses 8-9, Nehemiah recalls God's promise to restore His people if they return to Him. How can reflecting on God's Word shape our prayers today?

How does Nehemiah balance prayer and practical action? How can we apply this principle in our own lives?

In verse 11, Nehemiah asks God to grant him favor with King Artaxerxes. What does this tell us about his approach to taking action?

Nehemiah 2:1-5

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Nehemiah 2:1-5.

Discussion: How would you describe Nehemiah's condition in the months between chapter 1 and chapter 2? Why might Nehemiah have been "very much afraid"?

What in Nehemiah's response shows practical wisdom and dependence on God?

What might Nehemiah's very short prayer in verse 4 reveal about his prayer life?

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Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Respond to the needs of God's people with Prayer. Nehemiah's first reaction to hearing about Jerusalem's devastation was deep sorrow followed by prayer. This teaches us to turn to God first rather than reacting impulsively.

Act with Boldness. When Nehemiah approached King Artaxerxes, he did so with courage and a clear plan. This encourages us to step forward boldly when God calls us to lead or take action when we see the needs of God's people.

Using your Influence for Good. Nehemiah leveraged his position as cupbearer to request help from the king. This reminds us to use our resources, skills, and connections to serve others and fulfill God's purposes.

PRAYER TIME

GOD DEFENDS HIS PEOPLE: Esther 7:1-6; 9-10; 8:3-8; 11-17**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When you think about an evil, antagonistic character in a book or movie, what comes to mind? Who would you say is the worst of them all?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Esther 7:1-6**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Esther 7:1-6.

Discussion: When Esther sees her people are facing trouble, even though she is not at risk, how does she respond? What happened?

If you were one of the main characters in this account, what might you be thinking or feeling at this very moment when Esther revealed evil Haman's plot against the Jews?

Esther 7:9-10; 8:3-8

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Esther 7:9-10; 8:3-8.

Discussion: What unresolved issues remained even after Haman's death?

When you see events taking place in life, how do you know whether they are 'the fickle finger of fate' or 'the holy hand of God.' How do you know the difference?

What lesson should we learn from Haman's life and his hatred of God's people?

Esther 8:11-17

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Esther 8:11-17.

Discussion: How do you see God's hand at work even though His name is not explicitly mentioned?

The Jews responded to their new found security with joy and feasting. How do moments of deliverance in our own lives lead to gratitude and celebration in our lives?

In what ways does God's deliverance of the Jewish people in this account compare to the deliverance of His people through Jesus' death?

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Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Trust in Divine Timing. Mordecai's rise to power and the reversal of Haman's decree show that God's timing is perfect. We can trust that setbacks may be part of a greater plan.

Use your Influence for Good. Esther and Mordecai used their positions to protect their people. This encourages us to use our influence whether in leadership, friendships, or work for positive change.

Celebrate Deliverance. The Jews responded to their victory with joy and feasting. This reminds us to celebrate moments of deliverance and express gratitude for blessings.

PRAYER TIME

STANDING FIRM IN SUFFERING: Job 19**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When have you held onto hope even when everything around you seemed to say otherwise?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Job 19:1–10**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Job 19:1–10.

Discussion: What is Job describing in these verses?

Why is it important to be honest with God and others about pain instead of hiding it?

What does Job's language reveal about how suffering can affect a person's view of God and life?

Job 19:11–20

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Job 19:11–20.

Discussion: What relationships and supports have broken down in Job's life?

How should believers respond when someone feels abandoned by people they once trusted?

Why is isolation often one of the hardest parts of suffering?

Job 19:21–29

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Job 19:21–29.

Discussion: What does Job boldly declare in verse 25?

How can Job's confession strengthen believers when they face uncertainty, loss, or grief?

Why is Job's statement about seeing God significant for the whole book?

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Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Bring one honest lament to God in prayer this week instead of pretending everything is fine.

Reach out to someone who feels isolated and offer steady encouragement or practical help or reach out yourself asking for encouragement or practical help if you're feeling isolated.

Meditate on the hope of resurrection and write down one fear that Jesus' victory over death addresses.

PRAYER TIME

JOY AFTER JUDGEMENT: Isaiah 25**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What is one celebration or victory that felt so good you wished it would never end?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Isaiah 25:1–5

Read Aloud: Have someone read Isaiah 25:1–5.

Discussion: What reasons does Isaiah give for praising God in these verses?

How can remembering God’s past faithfulness help us worship during hard times?

What contrast does Isaiah draw between God’s actions and the actions of ruthless nations?

Isaiah 25:6–9

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Isaiah 25:6–9.

Discussion: What is God preparing on “this mountain”?

What does this promise teach believers about God’s heart toward his people?

Why is the promise that God will swallow up death forever so central to the passage?

Isaiah 25:10–12

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Isaiah 25:10–12.

Discussion: What happens to Moab and to proud, fortified power in these verses?

How should this warning shape the way believers think about pride today?

How do judgment and salvation work together in this chapter?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Worship God this week by thanking him specifically for one way he has been faithful in the past.

Confess one area of pride and ask God to replace it with humility and trust.

Encourage someone who is grieving with the hope that Jesus will one day wipe away every tear.

PRAYER TIME

