

1.29.12 GO GROUP QUESTIONS

Awakening Week 5

2 Chronicles 28:1-15

LOVE PEOPLE: CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

1. Check in: Where did you see God at work in your life this past week?
2. Thinking back to last week's sermon and questions: We smashed the idea of our idols, how were we with living life without them this week?

LOVE GOD: WORSHIPING IN THE WORD:

We are in the middle of our sermon series entitled "Awakening" based on stories found in 1 and 2 Chronicles from the Old Testament. We discover that we are in a similar situation as the original audience and consequently learn how to have bold faith in a broken world.

Pray.

Read 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

1. This starts off much like what we talked about last week regarding idols. How has Ahaz's worship influenced the practical aspects of his life?

Read verses 5-8

2. What's happening here and why?
3. Check in: How do you feel about this – we're not looking for theologically deep reasoning here, just on a gut level, how do you feel about God's response to Ahaz?

Read verses 9-15

4. God sends a messenger to confront people. Explain what exactly the people were doing wrong. Were they not following the direction of the Lord?
5. In a word, Oded commands the people to repent. What does repentance look like for them?
6. Why would their repentant actions be pleasing to God? What does it say about their worship? Cross reference with Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 7:12

Finish reading chapter 28

7. Compare and contrast this week's story and outcome vs. last week's regarding Joash in 2 Chronicles 24. Compare Joash with Ahaz and Joash with the nation of Israel when confronted by a prophet.

WRAP UP/CLOSE YOUR TIME OF WORSHIP IN PRAYER:

1. Looking at Ahaz and the nation of Israel. How do you handle confrontation when someone asks you to repent?
2. Based on the previous question: from the past two weeks, who would you most say your life is like and why?

Israel had a turning point in this story when they acted wrongly but repented when confronted by Oded. Tell about a turning point in your life.

3. Oded was asking Israel to give the people of Judah justice and mercy. Their just actions were a result of their worship of God above all. How has your worship impacted how you seek justice and mercy. Share a story.
4. Close by reading Romans 3. As you read this chapter, chew on the ideas of our sin, repentance, and God's justice and mercy.

Close in prayer.

SERVE THE WORLD:

Get connected in helping The Heights Community reach Ogden and Bountiful. Contact Michel Vigil at michel.v@theheightscommunity.org for information on how you can help with the rebuilding work on the Ogden campus or contact Daniel.S@theheightscommunity.org to help in Bountiful.

INVITE OTHERS:

Is there anyone we can invite to a church service on a Sunday morning or evening, or to join us in this group? What's stopping us from inviting them? *Who can we fight for that belongs in the Kingdom of God?*

LOVE GOD Strengthening your Relationship throughout the Week

**Why? To help us further reflect on the message of the week and to help us seek God regularly, and meet with him daily to strengthen our relationship with Him. The goal is meeting with Jesus, not completing a task. You are not reading a book – you are meeting with God.*

For each reading this week, follow the S.O.A.P. method of study. (It would be helpful to have a journal or a notepad to keep track of these throughout the week.)

S. Scripture: What scripture passage means the most to me today?

O. Observation: Who is God and what is He like according to this passage? What else do you see in these passages? What questions do you have?

A. Application: How will you be or live different because of what you read?

P. Prayer. What is your prayer for today given what you just read.

Note: Day 7 is labeled 'Rest' and you are free to move this date to another day in the week that makes the most sense in your life.

This week we are going to continue exploring the idea of repentance, turning from idols, seeking justice and receiving mercy.

Day 1: Read 2 Chronicles 28 and complete the S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 2: Read Psalm 12 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 3: Read Psalm 13 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 4: Read Psalm 22 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 5: Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 6: Read Romans 3 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 7: Rest.