

Small Group Questions
The Humbling of Four Kings Week 2

Introduction (Use one or all)

Norton enjoys sharing the history and geography of the biblical passages he teaches on. Do you personally enjoy sermons that include this or not?

In your opinion, what is the difference from teaching & preaching?

Discussion

Read: 2 Chronicles 20 (Optional)

In this week's message we saw King Jehoshaphat's example of what to do when faced against insurmountable odds. What has been one of the most challenging experiences you've faced in your life?

In response to the invading army, the King "sought the face of God, and prayed". Do you find in your own life that this is a natural response to a difficult situation or is it a last resort?

If it isn't someone's habit to turn to God in trials, what could be some things they could implement to help them grow in this area?

Norton mentioned that sometimes in life we can either try or take things in our own hands or we "sit still", as in defeat, resolved that there is nothing we can do. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being doing nothing and 10 taking things in your own hands where do you usually fall?

1-----10
Resolved to do nothing It's all up to me

In your current life situation what is the biggest challenge you are currently facing? How can we stand along side you and pray to God as the people of Judah did with the King?

Norton challenged us with the question, "what if you knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God was always with you? How does this strike you, and what do you imagine life would look like if someone fully believed this?"

Read and discuss how these Old Testament verses encouraged Judah (and us) to trust God.

Psalm 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God"

Prov 3:5,6 ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight
Deut 31:6

⁶ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

2 Chron 16:9

⁹ For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Prayer

Lord help us to “seek you” as we face life’s challenges.