

Home Group Questions

the week of 04/07/2019

2 Kings 22-23

KING JOSIAH – TIME FOR CHANGE

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the “Ordinary Superheroes of the O.T.”. This week focused on King Josiah, one of the youngest kings in the world. He took a stand for God and God’s Word and brought about a revival in the southern kingdom of Judah. His commitment to the Lord and His truth put him in a class of his own when it came to godly kings that ruled during the time of the divided kingdom.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read 2 Kings 22:1-13. Talk about this passage and what it takes for this young King of 26 years old to begin a revival in Israel. Remember, Josiah’s father and grandfather were both wicked kings who did not follow the Lord. What does this say about the courage and passion of Josiah in order to stop the cycle of rebellion in the kingdom. King Josiah hears the Word and tears his clothes as a sign of sorrow and repentance, realizing that Israel had been disobedient for years. What kind of person must Josiah have been to humble himself in this way, and determine to take a stand in the kingdom?

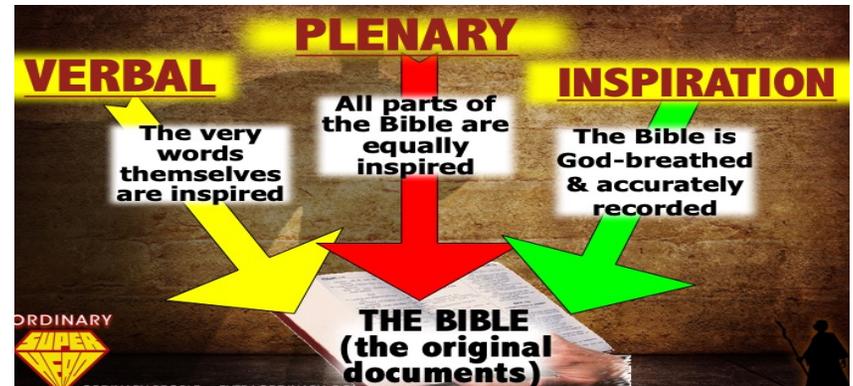
- Read 2 Kings 23:1-25. This is a rather long passage but it gives the reader an understanding of how comprehensive Josiah’s reforms were. He took a bold stand against the idol worship that had worked its way deeply into the culture of the kingdom of Judah. Talk about some of the cultural challenges we face as Christians, and the way in which we can boldly stand for Jesus Christ, and against the trends that we see today in our culture....trends that often infiltrate even Christian homes.

2. Read the following quote:

“The **repentance** (metanoia) called for throughout the **Bible** is a summons to a personal, absolute and ultimate unconditional surrender to God as Sovereign. Though it includes sorrow and regret, it is more than that. ... In repenting, one makes a complete change of direction.”

- When King Josiah heard the Word of God, he tore his clothes as a sign of sorrow and repentance. Repentance is something that is part of our salvation experience. When we come to faith in Christ, we are called to turn from our old way of living...our sinful actions, our wrong priorities and adopt a new way of life. Why do you think repentance is so difficult for people today? Why is there a resistance on the part of most people to talk about repentance in their lives? What attitudes are needed in the life of a believer that would allow repentance to flourish in that person’s life and heart?

3. Share the chart below:



King Josiah’s reforms began when he was confronted by the Word of God and believed it. Talk about the confidence that we are to have in the Word of God and to see the Word of God for what it truly is...God’s inspired revelation to us.

Moving Forward...

Pray for a revival in your heart that the kingdom of Judah experienced under the leadership of King Josiah.