

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

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Week of February 23, 2020

Week 8: Treasuring the Bible (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Jeremiah 36:1-28

King Jehoiakim burned the Holy Scriptures. As a result, the city of Jerusalem burned as well. Had he treasured the Word of God, he could have saved the city. Jehoiakim's folly serves us as a compelling reminder to respect the power and authority of The Bible.

Kicking it off: When did you receive your first Bible?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Jeremiah 36:1-2* In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you."

Do you think that Jeremiah's inspired writings reflected his personality and style?

2. Reread *Jeremiah 36:4* While Jeremiah dictated all the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll.

Scribes, like Baruch, produced 24,000 manuscripts of the Bible that are still in existence today. Why does the high quantity of ancient manuscripts increase our confidence in the Bible?

3. Reread *Jeremiah 36:17* Then they asked Baruch, "Tell us, how did you come to write all this? Did Jeremiah dictate it?"

Why was researching the author important?

4. Reread *Jeremiah 36:23* Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe's knife and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire.

King Jehoiakim practiced selective reading. What Biblical teachings are most commonly discarded today?

5. Reread *Jeremiah 36:24* The king and all his attendants who heard all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes.

How can we increase our emotional connection to the Scriptures we study?

6. How could you treasure the Scriptures more?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that God would help us use the Bible in all the ways He intended.