

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

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Week of January 12, 2020

Week 2: Crisis Prayer (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: 2 Chronicles 13:1-17

Abijah was in a crisis. As the new king of Judah, he found himself up against the superior army of Israel. He handled the crisis well. He had the “silver trumpet” blown and God came to their rescue. We experience crises as well and learning from Abijah will serve us well.

Kicking it off: In this study we are learning about the silver trumpet. What instruments have you attempted to learn?

Discussion:

1. Reread *2 Chronicles 13:13-14* Jeroboam had sent troops around to the rear, so that while he was in front of Judah the ambush was behind them. Judah turned and saw that they were being attacked at both front and rear. Then they cried out to the LORD.

Crisis led to dependence on God. Can you think of a crisis in 2019 that led you to dependence on the Lord? Share it with the group.

2. Reread *2 Chronicles 13:14-15* The priests blew their trumpets and the men of Judah raised the battle cry. At the sound of their battle cry, God routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

God did not come to their rescue until the priests blew their trumpets. Why does God often wait to help us until we cry out to Him in prayer?

3. Reread *2 Chronicles 13:16-17* The Israelites fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hands. Abijah and his men inflicted heavy losses on them.

God did not rescue Judah in a miraculous fashion. He did not remove the battle but helped them to face the battle. Can you think of a time that God came to your aid in a different way than you had hoped? If so, share about it.

4. Reread *Numbers 10:9* “When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.”

Many Christians cry out to God in prayer and yet don’t imagine God responding by coming to their rescue. They imagine God as apathetic and unaffected by their cry for help. Why is this?

5. What need do you presently have for God’s assistance?
6. What stops you from praying for God’s assistance more?

Wrapping It Up: Sound the silver trumpet! Turn to God in prayer and cry out for His assistance with the crises that you are facing.