

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Kings

Week of January 26, 2020

Week 4: Transformational Praise (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: 2 Chronicles 20:1-26

Jehoshaphat understood the power of “praise.” He understood the importance of praising God in good times and bad. Through a study of this king, we discovered that praise has the power to transform our lives in extraordinary ways.

Kicking it off: Jeff described his enjoyment of a donut sprinkled with bacon. If offered a bacon donut, would you eat it?

Discussion:

1. A vast army came to attack Judah. God responded by promising victory through a prophet. *Reread 2 Chronicles 20:18-19* to see how the king and his people responded to the promise of victory. Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. Then some Levites stood up and praised the LORD with a very loud voice.

In what ways can the decision to praise God be a demonstration of faith?

2. *Reread 2 Chronicles 20:21* Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: “Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.”

What do you think was going on in the minds of the soldiers as they marched to war while praising God for His love?

3. Why do many Christians think much more about their problems than their blessings?
4. How can a Christian praise God without music?
5. God caused the enemy to turn on each other. Judah did not need to raise a sword. *Reread 2 Chronicles 20:26* There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD.

Why is it important for believers to praise God when they experience victories in life?

6. The valley was called “Berakah” because “Berakah” means “praise.” What benefits come to those who live in the Valley of Praise? In other words, what benefits come to those who live lives saturated in the praise of God?

Wrapping It Up: Spend some time praising God in prayer.