

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Egypt

Week 4: Choosing a Life Philosophy
2 Kings 23:30-34

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There are many popular life philosophies such as "You do you," "Look out for *numero uno*," "Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying." "Life has no remote ... get up and change it yourself!" ... the list goes on and on. How do we choose our own? Where do we get our source of strength in life's difficulties? Let's discuss our thoughts this weekend!

Kicking It Off:

This weekend, we learned how King Jehoahaz was only the King of Judah for 3 months. If you could be a king (of any country) for just 3 months, what's one thing you would try to accomplish?

Discussion:

1. What were some of the key truths that stood out to you in this week's message? What were you surprised to learn?
2. Re-read 2 Kings 23:30b. What did we learn about King Jehoahaz and how he came to reign in the southern kingdom of Judah?

"And the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father." (NIV)

3. The Bible tells us Jehoahaz was completely unlike his father Josiah, the most godly King in Judah. What was the source of Josiah's strength, in light of these verses below?

"Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the LORD." (2 Kings 22:19, NIV)

"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses." (2 Kings 23:25, NIV)

4. Jeff described a powerful magnet-like attraction, an anchor that draws strength from God and yearns for His ways, His church, and His people. Do you think of your current spiritual life more like the sledge-hammer or the magnet, and why? If you're comfortable, share your answer with the group.
5. What are your favorite ways to grow stronger for God? What might you add to this list from Jeff?
 - *Evaluate*. Spend some time in prayer and evaluate your own strengths.
 - *Meditate*. Spend time reflecting on Jesus' strength.
 - *Supplicate*. Make prayers of specific requests, begging God for help.

Wrapping Up:

James 4:8a says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (NKJV). How can your group encourage & pray for you to grow in your tenderness toward God in your current season or life?