

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Kings

Week of January 19, 2020

**Week 3: Desperate Dependence (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)**

**Text: 2 Chronicles 16:1-12**

King Asa was a man of God. His passion for the Lord was a refreshing change from the spiritual compromise of the kings who reigned before him. Unfortunately, time did not serve Asa well. His red-hot heart for God cooled with time. By studying Asa's spiritual backsliding, we can learn how to avoid doing the same.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff confessed to getting woozy when watching his blood get drawn. When getting stuck with needles do you watch or look away?

### Discussion:

1. Reread the prophet's words to King Asa found in *2 Chronicles 16:9* "The eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

What do you find inspiring about this verse?

2. King Asa's heart was once "fully committed to God," but it grew cold with time. Why do some Christians lose their passion for the Lord with time?
3. Read the prophet's rebuke of King Asa found in *2 Chronicles 16:7-8* "Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand. Were not the Cushites and Libyans a mighty army with great numbers of chariots and horsemen? Yet when you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand."

Asa originally relied on God when in battle. Later, he relied on the mercenaries from Aram. Why do young Christians often rely on the Lord more than veteran Christians?

4. Reread *2 Chronicles 16:12* Asa was afflicted with a disease in his feet. Though his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the LORD, but only from the physicians.

Unfortunately, many Christians turn to physicians without praying to the Lord. How can we grow in this matter?

5. How would you advise a young Christian worried about losing their spiritual zeal over time?
6. What have you found that helps your heart to grow closer to the Lord?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to help each group member avoid spiritual backsliding and to maintain their spiritual zeal for a lifetime.