BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 12, 2024

Passage: 2 Chronicles 16

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Memory Passage: 2 Chronicles 16:9

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

- (a) **Read 2 Chronicles 16.** What are some reasons why Christians tend to neglect the Historical books such as 1 & 2 Chronicles?
- (b) What are some reasons you would give for why 1 & 2 Chronicles are necessary and beneficial for the Christian?
- (c) Read 2 Chronicles chapters 14-16. In what ways has King Asa changed throughout his story?
- (d) Make an outline of 2 Chronicles 16. Find the units of thought from within the chapter (hint: to find new units of thought, search for progressions of thought, repetition, contrasts, new characters, conflict, resolution, etc.) How are these units of thought connected, and what was the author's main intent in this chapter?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read 2 Chronicles 16.** In 2 Chronicles 15:17b, we are told that Asa's heart is wholly true all of his days. How do we reconcile this with his failure to rely on God in 2 Chronicles 16?
- (b) Read 2 Chronicles 16 and 1 Kings 15:9-24. What are the differences you notice in these two accounts? What has been omitted?
- (c) What is ironic about Asa's solution in 2 Chronicles 16:3? (Read 2 Chronicles 15:12-15)
- (d) What is the result of Asa's plan? (2 Chronicles 16:4-6)

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) Read 2 Chronicles 16. Why does Hanani rebuke Asa? (2 Chronicles 16:7-9)

- (b) Why does Hanani tell Asa that the king of Syria escaped?
- (c) In 2 Chronicles 16:8, Hanani recalls the attack of the Ethiopians and Libyans. Read 2 Chronicles 14. Why did God grant Asa victory in that battle? (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- (d) What are the consequences of Asa's actions? (2 Chronicles 16:9b)

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

- (a) **Read 2 Chronicles 16.** In what ways does As respond differently to Hanani's prophecy than from the prophecy spoken to him in 2 Chronicles 15:8-15? In 2 Chronicles 16:12, we see that even in his disease As a did not rely on God. What can we learn from this about the dangers of not relying on God?
- (b) In 2 Chronicles 16:13-14, Asa was honored after his death. Why did the people esteem him so highly despite his failure?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read 2 Chronicles 16.** In what ways are you relying on man rather than God?

- (b) How can you guard your heart from misplacing your hope onto man?
- (c) Reflect on 2 Chronicles 16:9. What are some examples from Scripture of God giving strong support to those with hearts fully committed to Him?

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