

JOSIAH CHOOSES GOD'S WORD

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2 KINGS 22, 23

1. Stop _____ the Bible.
2. Allow the Bible to _____ You.
 - An idol controls our _____.
 - An idol drains our _____.
 - An idol fills our _____.
3. Read the Bible as a _____ Playbook.
4. Pass the Bible onto the _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- 1 . What is something that you're passionate about? Why? On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your current passion for engaging with God's Word? Explain.
- 2 . Read II Kings 22:1-10. Recall (from the sermon) the reasons that God's Word had become a lost book in ancient Judah. What are some reasons that you neglect the Bible? What are some steps you could take to pay more attention to God's Word? Read II Kings 22:11-13. What was so upsetting to Josiah as the Bible was read to him? What do you think the tearing of Josiah's robe symbolized? What might be an application of this gesture for our lives?
- 3 . Read II Kings 23:4-25. How would you sum up Josiah's reforms? Why do you think his actions were so drastic?
- 4 . Read Exodus 20:1-3 and Matthew 22:36-38. In what way are the first commandment (of the Big 10) and Jesus' "greatest commandment" flip sides of the same coin? Why do you think God so adamantly opposes idolatry?
- 5 . Review (from the sermon) the three marks of a contemporary idol. Based on these descriptions, make a list of at least 10 common modern-day idols (even among Christ followers). Which idol is most likely to marginalize God in your life?
- 6 . What biblical command or principle are you tempted to "correct"--rather than accept its authority? Explain.
- 7 . Read II Kings 23:1-3. Why did Josiah include everyone in the reading of the Bible and the renewing of the covenant? What was Israel's mission and how did the Bible prepare God's people for such?
- 8 . What is the Church's mission according to Matthew 28:18-20? Why does it take a team to complete this mission? What are the dangers of treating the Bible strictly as a self-help book?
- 9 . Read II Kings 23:31, 32. What are some possible reasons (totally conjecture) as to why Josiah's son turned out bad? What are some ways in which parents can pass the Bible onto their kids? What are some ways in which adults at Christ Community can pass the Bible onto the next generation?

PRAYER PROMPT: Meditating on the word. Re-read II Kings 23:1-3. Ask the Spirit to be with you as you reflect on this passage. Notice what stands out to you. Spend 1-2 minutes in the presence of the Spirit as you reflect.