

Sermon Discussion Guide
100 Day Challenge: The Backstory – Prelude
2 Kings 22:8 - 23:20 | December 27, 2020

Big Idea

Discovering the backstory of Jesus will lead to a heart transformation.

Opening Questions

What is one specific thing (experience, social interaction, gift given/received, etc.) that brought you the most joy this Christmas?

Key Scripture Questions

1. We're reading the Old Testament together because it provides the backstory of Jesus. What are a few brief examples of experiences in your backstory that help explain who you are today?
2. The Old Testament is sometimes neglected in favor of reading the New Testament (or not reading at all). How much and how often have you read the Old Testament? What has the experience been like? How do you feel about reading it for the 100 Day Challenge?
3. Read **2 Kings 22:8-10**. The Book of the Law had been neglected and lost for years before it was given to Josiah to read. What hinders us from reading Scripture?
4. Read **2 Kings 22:19-20**. Reading the word made Josiah responsive. Can you think of a time reading the Bible changed your heart? Share.
5. Read **2 Kings 23:1-3**. Josiah and the people of Judah renewed their covenant with God. Part of that renewal was the destruction of all idols (detailed in verses 4-20). **N.T. Wright says, "Idols get their power because humans, in sinning, give it to them."** If you're willing to share, what idols do you give power to?

Concluding Questions

What is your plan for participating in the 100 Day Challenge? When/where will you read? Which version will you use? Will you read a physical Bible or app, or listen to audio? Discuss this with your group to brainstorm the best plan that works for you personally.

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of your Scripture. As we start this 100 Day Challenge, please help us stay disciplined with our reading plan. Speak to us through Your word so we might experience You. Amen."