



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## THIS WEEK: 2 Chronicles 15:9-19 – Expressing our commitment to grow

### GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together

*Are you a goal setter, or someone who likes a checklist? Why or why not?*

### QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

What value can you see in making something private, public? How could you consider that stating an intention or a goal, or a mistake to someone else help you to grow in your faith with Jesus?

In what way does this make us uncomfortable, or uneasy?

*Dave mentioned that becoming like Christ is like a winding staircase: it repeats its cycle over and over, but with each cycle we experience new heights of God's grace as we rise with each turn.*

In what way is this both the story of Asa and Israel and our story too?

How have you experienced your life in Christ as a cycle of Acknowledging how you have gotten off track (confession), reforming your spiritual life (tearing down idols), and public repair (repairing the altar of your heart/mind and relationship with God)? Why is this principle important for us to remember?

### EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [2 Chronicles 15:9-19]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

Why did Asa gather all the people in Jerusalem? (15:9-15)

What was the covenant into which Asa and all the people entered? (15:12-15)

What happened to the people who would not agree to the covenant? (15:13)

What happened to the people when they sought the Lord? (15:15)

What did Asa do to his grandmother? (15:16)

What did Asa bring back into the temple? (15:18)

How long did Judah have peace under king Asa? (15:19)

### QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

What is the value of making a public commitment to seek the Lord?

What can we learn from the example of Asa and the nation?

Of the three things that the people of Israel did to seek the Lord, which one may be an important step for you to take? (vv 10, 12, 14), Explain why this is important for you right now.

1. sacrifice—in terms of priorities, things you may need to give up, or start doing in order to more fully surrender to God.
2. Enter into a promise with God to seek Him with all your heart and soul.
3. More consistent worship of God

Who or what represents a “Maacah” in our life that needs to be removed from a place of influence?

## APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about as a result of engaging with this passage?

How can we pray for each other?