



DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: 2 Chronicles 15 – Preparing for Growth

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

What has the season of lent meant to you? How has it changed?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

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

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

If someone came up to you and told you to “seek the Lord and you will find Him!” How would you respond to that directive? What step would you initially consider that you needed to take in order to seek God?

What “practical” thing has helped you to “seek God” most in your life? What often gets in the way of seeking God? Why?

In the New American Standard translation of verse 3, it says, *“And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him”*.

Does God hide from us, or do we hide from God? In what way is seeking God related to finding God?

What parallels of seeking and finding God are found in the story of the Prodigal Son?

What one thing can you intentionally do this next month to seek God?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [2 Chronicles 15:1-7]

(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.

Who came to Asa to bring him a word from the Lord? (15:1-2)

What did the prophet say to Asa about God’s relationship to him and his nation? (15:2-7)

What was it like in Israel when they did not worship the true God? (15:3-6)

What was the source of the people’s distress? (15:6)

What statement of encouragement did the prophet give to Asa? (15:7)

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

What does it mean to have a close relationship with God? (see James 4:8)

How can we be receptive to what God is communicating to us through other people?

Why is it important to stay connected with God’s word and others who help “teach us, challenge us” in seeking and finding God?

How does reminding someone of a reward motivate the person?

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?