



DISCUSSION GUIDE

2 Chronicles 16 – Lessons about Seeking God

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

In what ways have you found it difficult to ask for help when you have a problem, or important decision to make? 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?

Dave highlighted four lessons we can learn from the example of Asa at the end of his life...

1. Be careful about how you interpret your victories, blessings, and successes. In other words, pride.
2. Don't confuse protecting the nation with advancing God's Kingdom
3. Finishing well matters as much as how you start, but it's not easy
4. You are not defined by the worst chapters in your life.

Which of the four areas:

Has God helped you resolve in your past...

Is God working on you in the present...

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [2 Chronicles 16:1-14]

(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 was threatening Asa and the nation of Judah? (16:1)

What portion of Asa's reign as king does this passage cover? (16:1-14)

From whom did Asa seek help? (16:2-3)

What did Asa receive for his payment of silver and gold to Ben-Hadad? (16:4-6)

Who was Hanani? (16:7)

What message did Hanani deliver to Asa? (16:7-9)

For what is the Lord constantly looking? (16:9)

What consequences would Asa and his people suffer for not trusting the Lord? (16:9)

What was Asa's response to Hanani's message? (16:10)

How was Asa's response to his foot disease consistent with his approach to other problems in his life? (16:12)

At what point in his reign did Asa die? (16:13)

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

What critical mistake did Asa make in trying to solve his problems?

Which of our problems can we solve ourselves, and with which of them should we ask the Lord for help?

What lessons from the past had Asa failed to internalize?

What causes us to forget to trust the Lord when we are having problems?

Why is it so difficult to accept criticism or correction from someone else?

Why does God want us to commit our hearts fully to Him and trust Him in all situations?

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?