

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of August 9-15, 2020

“IS IT WORTH IT?”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were to eat the same meal for one month (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner), what would you have? Why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 2 Chronicles 26.

1. What stands out to you among the accomplishments of Uzziah (cf. 2 Chr 26:2-15)? Can you think of parallels in our day to any present-day leader or person who would compare to Uzziah?
2. What does 2 Chronicles 26:5,7,15 say about Uzziah's ultimate source of success? If you were to give a definition of “success” from a biblical perspective, how would you define it?
3. You can't seek something by accident. It takes intentionality. Seeking the Lord requires an entire realignment of our lives. It means that we must stop treating Christ as a religious garnish on the side, and instead make him our defining center. Are you an "intentional seeker" of God? What purposeful commitments do you need to make today in order to seek the Lord?
4. Someone once said: “We live right beneath the surface of ‘enough’—always striving but never quite admitting that enough is, well, enough.” In what ways do people strive for more in life? Is this wrong? What are some lessons about success that we can learn from Uzziah? How do you strike the balance?
5. Read Jeremiah 9:23, Psalms 10:4; Proverbs 21:24; Proverbs 27:2, Romans 12:16; Philippians 2:3. Share specific instances when pride has manifested in your life based on these verses.

6. *Discuss.* What are some ways that you do to evaluate when you have a pride? How can pride be considered “the sin behind all other sins”? What impact does pride have on our actions and decisions?

7. Pastor Nic shared three applications/lessons to consider based on the life of King Uzziah: (a) to learn to be seekers of God, (b) to remember that everything is a gift from God, (c) and to guard against pride. What lesson hits you the most personally? Why?

8. [NEXT STEPS]

We are nothing, Jesus is everything! This means:

- I will seek God before I make any decisions.
- I will use the gifts and opportunities that he gave for his glory and not mine.
- I will do my best for the Lord.
- I will guard against pride and not let success or achievements get to my head.
- I will repent of my prideful ways.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for true humility based on love and not on fear.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.