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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 KINGS 23

WEEK 45

“Cleaning House”

2 Kings 23:2-3

“The king went up to the Lord’s temple, accompanied by all the people of Judah, all the residents of Jerusalem, the priests, and the prophets. All the people were there, from the youngest to the oldest. He read aloud all the words of the scroll of the covenant that had been discovered in the Lord’s temple. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant before the Lord, agreeing to follow the Lord and to obey his commandments, laws, and rules with all his heart and being, by carrying out the terms of this covenant recorded on this scroll. All the people agreed to keep the covenant.”

❖ ICE BREAKER

1. When was the last time you were cleaning and found something valuable or something that you thought you had lost? How do you think Josiah and all the people felt when they found the book of the law that had been lost for so many years?

❖ DISCUSSION

2. Read 2 Kings 23:4-25. What was Josiah’s response after all the people “pledged themselves to the covenant”? What had happened in Israel that made this reform so necessary? What are some extremes you have gone to in your efforts to live in purity? (Not listen to certain music? Give up certain habits? Not go to certain places?)
3. What commitment did the people make after finding the book of the law? (v. 3) Do you feel like it is time to renew a commitment to God that you have forsaken? How can the people in your community group help you be true in your commitment to God?
4. What kind of reputation did Josiah receive from all of his actions? (v. 25) Josiah was not just known for hearing God’s Word, but for acting on it. In what areas of your life do you feel God wants you to act on His Word and make some changes?
5. If you were arrested for being a Christian, what evidence would be used against you in a court of law? What about your life would confuse the jury? Who would be called as witnesses to argue each side? What is something that you would want to be true about you?

❖ CASE STUDY

Based upon what we just studied in 2 Kings 23, how would you respond to the following situation?

Rudy is a friend of yours at work who just started coming to your church. He makes a remark to you about how his old church only requested that he attend Sunday mornings and tithe and that he never felt any need or desire to serve others or volunteer for a ministry. He felt like, “going on Sunday mornings was enough”. He continued to say how surprised he was when the pastor at your church shared scripture about how believers should be serving one another and that he hoped everyone was actively serving in a ministry at the church. This was the first time Rudy had heard a lot of this scripture.

How would you counsel Rudy and his new understanding of God’s word? How would you use scripture (such as 1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-12, Philippians 2:4-7, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-7) to encourage Rudy on where and how much to serve?

