

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 5th Feb 2023



2 CHRONICLES

Lessons For Today From The Stories Of Yesterday

Week 3

Living Deliberately (Chapter 34)

Big Idea of the Message: Second Chronicles begins by highlighting the reign of Solomon, the temple he built, and the wisdom he had.

Application Point: We will be people who turn from evil and call on the name of the Jesus.

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D9njZe-yKo>
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

2 Chronicles 34:1-22

New International Version

v1-7 Josiah's Reforms

34 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

³ In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols. ⁴ Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles and the idols. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. ⁵ He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem. ⁶ In the towns of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them, ⁷ he tore down the altars and the Asherah poles and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars throughout Israel. Then he went back to Jerusalem.

v14-21 The Book of the Law Found

¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses. ¹⁵ Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan.

¹⁶ Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: "Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. ¹⁷ They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers." ¹⁸ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

¹⁹ When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. ²⁰ He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: ²¹ "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

Questions for discussion

Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Does the church need reform? Why? How?
3. What causes any organization to resist change?
4. What do we learn from the story of Josiah and the need for reform in Jerusalem?
5. What are some things that we have "forgotten" and need to remember to reform our hearts and minds as Christians?
6. How others pray for you?

Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.