



2 Chronicles 20:5-12

⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶ and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷ Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹ 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' ¹⁰ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹ behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹² O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

Background

Today, we are thrilled to welcome back Pastor David to the pulpit to challenge us from God’s Word. As he shares many of the things God has taught him over the last four months of recovery, may our hearts be stirred to see how God can turn even the greatest valleys of despair into platforms of praise and blessing!

Service Notes

- 1. When you don’t know what to do... Look _____ Him!
- 2. When the struggle is bigger than you... Look _____ Him!
- 3. When you are in the struggle... Look _____ Him!

What is your biggest takeaway from today’s message?



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ If there is anyone new to the group, have them introduce themselves and share what motivated them to participate in this Life Group. Then quickly introduce everyone else in your group (if less than ten people).
- ▼ What are you thankful for this week? What is causing stress? How can we pray for you? What stood out to you the most in the message?

Talk it Over

- ▼ Pastor David said, “Everybody wants a testimony, but nobody wants the test.” In what ways have you seen this to be true in your own life and experience?
- ▼ Describe a time in your life when God turned what could have been a “valley of despair” into a blessing? What did you learn about God and yourself during that time? In what ways did you grow spiritually?
- ▼ Why is it important to praise God even when things seem to be falling apart? What happens when we focus more on who God is than what our circumstances may be? What are some practical ways we can “look” at/to/for God on a daily basis?

Live it Out

- ▼ What is ONE truth you can take away from the message? Who is the one person you can share the truth of the message with this week?