

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Share your lineage and the impact of your biological great grandparents and grandparents in your life.

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read 2 Kings 22
 - a. How old was Josiah when he began to reign?
 - b. How do you think King Josiah was able to rule and make wise decisions?
 - c. How do you think it was possible for King Josiah to not turn away from God?
 - d. How would you characterize King Josiah's leadership?
 - e. Who found "The book of the Law?"
 - f. How was it found?
 - g. How did Josiah respond after he heard the book of the law?
 - h. What disturbed him that caused him to tear his clothes?
3. Read 2 Kings 21:1-6, 18
 - a. Who was his Great Grandfather, Grandfather, and father?
 - b. How did each of those men live their lives?

- c. Think about your own life, how far back can you think of a family member that has influenced your life?
4. Read 2 Kings 23
 - d. What things did Josiah do to demonstrate repentance?
 - e. How often do you read the bible? Why or why not?
 - f. How should a “Christian” live compared to someone who is not a “Christian?”

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- When Josiah comes as a child to the throne of Judah, he inherits a kingdom where moral ANARCHY and rampant IDOLATRY were common.
- King Josiah had all sorts of *EXCUSES* that he could use for being a bad king.
- You decide what kind of person you want to be. You are not destined to become the bad examples of your life. With God, you can set a new standard in your lifetime and set a new standard.
- “A dusty bible leads to a dirty life.” - Anonymous