

2026-07-29 Discussion Questions

Jehoshaphat responded to alarming news by immediately seeking God rather than strategizing on his own — what habits or practices in your own life help you turn to God first when fear or crisis strikes?

The sermon highlights the idea that God is 'large and in charge' and that nothing happens outside of his awareness or allowance — how does genuinely believing this change the way you respond to circumstances that feel out of control?

Jehoshaphat prayed by declaring back to God who God is and what God has already done — how might this practice of recounting God's character and past faithfulness reshape your own prayer life?

The people of Judah confessed 'we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you' — in what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to admit powerlessness, and what would it look like to fully surrender those areas to God?

The sermon draws a connection between worship and spiritual warfare, noting that Jehoshaphat sent singers to the front of the army — how seriously do you take corporate and personal worship as a weapon against fear, discouragement, and temptation?

The pastor observes that we often fight battles in the flesh that God intends to fight for us — how do you discern the difference between a situation that calls for your active effort and one that calls for you to step back and trust God to act?

Jehoshaphat's humility was demonstrated publicly when he bowed with his face to the ground, and the people followed his lead — what does true humility before God look like in your daily life, and how does it influence the people around you?

The sermon suggests that God sometimes uses our unexpected or uncomfortable circumstances to reveal what is in us and to prepare us for what is coming — can you identify a past difficulty that, in hindsight, God used to prepare or refine you in a meaningful way?

The pastor emphasizes that God's primary desire is for people to experience eternal life, and that even death can be used to draw others to him — how does keeping that eternal perspective in view change the way you think about hardship, loss, or unanswered prayer?

The three armies that came against Judah ultimately destroyed one another without Judah having to fight — what does this outcome suggest about the limits of human strategy and the scope of God's sovereignty, and how should that shape the way Christians engage with conflict or opposition?