

2026-08-12 Discussion Questions

Jehoshaphat and his people praised God both during and after the battle, even naming a valley after the act of praise -- what does it reveal about your own faith when you consider how consistently and how long you return to thank God after He has answered your prayers?

The sermon draws a contrast between doing what is right in the eyes of the Lord versus doing what is right in one's own eyes -- in what areas of your life might you be relying on your own judgment rather than seeking God's standard?

Jehoshaphat was a king who sought God wholeheartedly and yet his son Jehoram turned away entirely -- how does this tension challenge or shape the way you think about your responsibility to pass faith on to the next generation?

The pastor references 1 Corinthians 3 and the image of fire testing the quality of each person's work built on the foundation of Christ -- if your life's spiritual work were tested today, what do you believe would survive and what might burn away?

The sermon describes Jehoram as a man who made a strategic alliance with a wicked king and ultimately suffered loss because of it -- what relationships or compromises in your own life might be quietly pulling you away from faithfulness to God?

The pastor asks whether we are kingdom dwellers or earth dwellers, suggesting that being physically present in the world does not prevent us from investing primarily in God's kingdom -- what would it look like practically for you to shift more of your energy toward kingdom priorities?

The story of the ten lepers is referenced to illustrate how easily people receive God's blessing and move on without returning to give thanks -- how intentional are you about returning to God with gratitude, and what might change if you were more deliberate about it?

The pastor suggests that sharing with your children or loved ones what God is currently doing in your life can be a more compelling form of witness than simply telling them what they should do -- how openly and specifically do you talk about God's ongoing work in you with the people closest to you?

The sermon points out that Pilate acknowledged Jesus was innocent and yet still surrendered to the pressure of the crowd -- where in your own life do you find yourself knowing what is right but yielding to social pressure or the fear of conflict instead?

The pastor describes the body of believers as people who should lovingly hold one another accountable, asking whether you have given anyone in your life permission to question you when they see you acting contrary to your faith -- what makes that kind of vulnerability difficult, and what might it produce if you embraced it?