

2026-08-05 Discussion Questions

If God were writing a book about your life, what chapters would stand out as moments where you truly surrendered control to him, and what chapters might reveal a drift back into comfortable routine?

Jehoshaphat is commended not for perfection but for setting his heart on seeking God -- what does it look like practically in your daily life to have a heart genuinely set on seeking God rather than just going through religious motions?

The pastor raises the question of whether we help the wicked in a way that draws them toward God or in a way that entangles us in their sin -- how do you personally navigate that tension in your relationships?

Jehoshaphat left his palace to go among the people and turn their hearts back to God rather than waiting for them to come to him -- in what ways might God be calling you to move toward others rather than waiting for them to come to you?

The sermon points out that many new believers win more people to faith in their first six months than in the rest of their Christian life combined -- what do you think causes that fire to diminish, and what would it take to reignite it?

Jehoshaphat instructed his judges to remember they were serving God and not man, which fundamentally changed the weight and character of their work -- how would your daily responsibilities look different if you consistently approached them as service rendered directly to God?

The pastor suggests that a lack of the fear of the Lord leads to spiritual stagnation and moral compromise -- what does a healthy, reverent fear of God look like in a believer's life, and how is it different from mere religious anxiety or rule-following?

Philip's immediate obedience to go to a deserted road without explanation

resulted in an encounter that may have sparked the spread of faith across an entire continent -- what might God be prompting you toward right now that you have been hesitating to act on because it does not make immediate sense?

The sermon challenges the idea that American Christianity often prioritizes comfort and personal blessing over costly obedience and kingdom-minded living -- in what specific areas of your life do you sense that comfort has quietly replaced conviction?

The pastor prays that we would ask God to break our hearts where they need to be broken, even in places we cannot yet see -- what would it mean for you to pray that prayer sincerely, and what areas of your heart might you be unconsciously protecting from that kind of transformation?