



Next Week's Life Group: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by,* and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

The Purpose of Life Groups

Life Groups are where we connect and grow with God and with others through relationships; growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus. Life Groups are loving, safe and interactive; a place where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others to inspire a culture of discipleship as we do life together. *Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Facing Incredible Odds

But the high places were not taken out of Israel. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was wholly true all his days.

2 Chronicles 15:17

Getting Started: What event in your life filled you with determination?

Context: The nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms for about 200 years. The Northern kingdom took the name Israel, but was sometimes referred to as Ephraim. The Southern kingdom became known as Judah. As a whole, the two kingdoms were still the nation of Israel and the prophets used this name when referring to the whole nation. Spiritually the Northern kingdom was in continuous turmoil because they rebelled against God and worshipped the pagan gods of the surrounding nations. Judah did somewhat better at retaining worship of Yahweh, largely due to the leadership of intermittent faithful kings who rose to lead the nation back to God. This lesson looks at the life of one of those kings. In the four generations since David, worship of pagan gods had permeated Judah. From the very beginning of his reign, Asa strove to discourage the encroachment of idol worship which was threatening Judah's relationship with God Almighty. "He removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images." Asa further demonstrated his reliance on God by crying out to Him for victory in war. In Chapter 15, Asa received a personal word from the Lord that filled him with courage and determination. His response to that message inspired revival for the people of his nation.



Story/Passage: 2 Chronicles 15:1-17

Trusting God, Completely

Head Level

These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.



- What is the condition of Israel “for many days” that Azariah describes?
- When would things change, according to him?

Heart Level

These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.



- What do you think it means to “seek the Lord” so that He would “let them find Him?”
- What does the phrase “the Lord is with you if you are with Him” reveal to you about God?

Hands Level

These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.



- How can you more practically walk with the Lord, seeking Him and trusting Him?
- As we have seen, Asa didn’t hold anything from the Lord once he had trusted in Him; what areas of your life are you holding back from God?