

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

SEEK THE LORD

Jason Greene | II Chronicles 20:1-23 | January 10, 2021

DISCUSSION

1. Read II Chronicles 20:1-4. What are some examples of “vast armies” (literal or figurative) that have threatened the world? That have threatened the United States?
2. A. What are some external or internal forces that have threatened you in the past? The Church? B. How did you respond? C. How did the Lord respond?
3. A. Are there some forces looming that are *currently* threatening you? The Church? B. How are you responding? C. How should you respond?
4. Take a look at verses 5-9.
A. What is the value in recounting what the Lord and people have done in the past? B. What are some ways that you can bring the Lord to mind when you have fears or concerns?
5. Read II Chronicles 20:10-12. A. In Deuteronomy 2:4-6, when Israel first approached the Promised Land, God warned them not to provoke their relatives in Edom – including Seir – to war. Discuss any other deeper reasons why the Lord may have issued this command.
B. Recount a time when the Lord didn’t seem to answer your prayer but later answered in another way.
6. II Chron. 20:13 tells us that all of the families of Judah came together to petition the Lord. A. What kind of situations call for us to gather as a group to pray? B. Is there a specific extraordinary circumstance facing you, your group, or our congregation that requires a united prayer effort?
7. In verse 15, we see that God answers this corporate prayer, and as a result, Judah enjoys a time of peace, verse 30. What results do you expect when you pray? What has been your experience?

APPLICATION

Commit to a specific time each day for the 21-day prayer focus, utilizing the Bethel website’s prayer guide. You may want to begin this prayer time by using question 6B as a starting point to focus your prayers. Our goal is building Christ’s Kingdom and unity. We must align ourselves with His heart and purposes.

Consider also the call to fast. One of the reasons that we fast is to remind ourselves of our great need for our Lord. It may be an excellent time to pull away from something that your “flesh” would miss. Of course, there is fasting from food, but dietary restrictions should not limit you. Giving up coffee, entertainment, social media, or other things that we may be dependent upon apart from God are also a good choice. The goal is to seek the Lord in unity with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, to align ourselves with his interests, and draw near to Him.

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