

Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for the Weekend of December 8th, 2013

(To Be Available Weekend of December 1st, 2013)

God Disciplines His People

Monday & Tuesday

1. God's People Sinned – Read 2 Kings 17:7-11

- *After all He did for them, the ancient Hebrews ignored God's efforts to get them to follow Him or return to Him. Frequently, we're no different; God has done much for us. Yet all too often, we still do our own thing and refuse to repent. Why do you think we behave so stubbornly?*
- *What things or people do you put above the Lord in your life?*
- *What views and practices of culture are you tempted to follow?*
- *What secret sins do you struggle with? What things have you done or thought that you don't want anyone else to know about? What is the biblical approach to dealing with our sin?*
- *The Israelites sacrificed to false gods to ensure their crops. What "false gods" do you make sacrifices to because you think it will further you economically?*

Wednesday & Thursday

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week's study.

- *"Samaria: Its Rise and Fall"*
- *"The High Places and Nehushtan"*
- *"The Tribe of Judah"*

2. God's People Were Warned – Read 2 Kings 17:12-15

- *What means does God most frequently use to warn you to repent?*
 - ✓ ___ *Personal Bible reading and prayer time*
 - ✓ ___ *Pastor's sermon*
 - ✓ ___ *Bible study/Sunday School lesson*
 - ✓ ___ *Confrontation by friend/accountability partner*
 - ✓ ___ *Life circumstances*

✓ ___ “Out of the blue” conviction by the Holy Spirit

✓ ___ Other: _____

- *How do you respond to God’s warnings about your sinful and foolish choices? How do you respond to His Word? His messengers?*
- *What is the proper response when confronted or warned about our sin?*
- *Do the sins you struggle with reveal a lack of trust in God? How so?*

Friday & Saturday

3. God’s People Were Disciplined - Read 2 Kings 17:18-20

- *How do you respond to God’s discipline? Do you view it as the loving response of a Father who cares for you or the brutal response of a dictator? Do you view it as a sign that you’re God’s child?*
- *What do you think of the judgment of God? Do you agree that God is right to judge sin?*
- *Ask God to help you evaluate your obedience from His perspective, then repent of all He discloses to you.*

Pray for Pastor Jim's Message weekend of November 24th