JOURNEY THROUGH

GET INTO THE WORD

GROUPS
DISCUSSION
GUIDE

THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Week of Sunday,
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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

NOVEMBER FOCUS - COMMUNAL

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. How connected do you feel to this group right now, and what would help you feel more connected?
2. What helps you feel like you truly belong in a group?
3. Who in your life (in this group, at church, or beyond) might be feeling unseen or isolated, and how could we reach out to them together this week?

INTRODUCTION

Josiah's story in 2 Kings 22 reminds us that God often begins renewal through simple obedience. As the people gave to repair the temple, God used their faithfulness to uncover His Word and spark revival in a nation. This passage challenges us to ask what God may want to do through our generosity, surrender, and obedience. Consider how God is calling you to help create spaces where others can encounter Him and respond to His Word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 Kings

READ ALOUD

2 Kings 22:1-7

DISCUSS

Opening Question
Think of something in your life that someone else sacrificed to make possible for you. It could be a parent, a mentor, a coach, or someone at a church. How did their sacrifice shape you?

- Josiah is described as doing "what was right in the Lord's sight" and not turning "to the right or the left." What does this reveal about obedience, especially considering his family background?
- Why is so much attention given to the collection, counting, and use of the money for repairing the temple? What does this teach about faithful giving and integrity?

Have someone read aloud **Deuteronomy 17:18–20**.

- In what ways does Josiah's life reflect this picture of a faithful leader?
- Why is God's Word essential for faithful leadership and faithful living?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Josiah followed the Lord even though his father and grandfather did not. What patterns from your family, upbringing, or past do you need to surrender to God so they do not define your obedience today?
- How can we, as a group, be praying for the Even Greater Initiative, and what the Lord wants to do through Long Hollow?
- When was the last time God's Word corrected you, and how did you respond?
- What does obedience to God's Word look like for you this week?

Wait/Hear Challenge Question

After the final week of the Wait/Hear Challenge what is the practice you want to continue most going forward in your prayer life?
You and your group can join the challenge at waithearchallenge.com

Praying as a Church - Prayer Week 39

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Praise

- Praise Him as the God who gives hope and promises His presence in exile, and whose plans are ultimately for His people's good and His glory. Jeremiah 29
- Praise Him as the God who buys back, restores, and redeems. He is to be praised because nothing is too difficult for Him. Jeremiah 32
- Praise the Lord that His goodness and grace are not dependent on our changing circumstances and human weakness. He is to be praised because He answers us when we call on Him. Jeremiah 33

Silence & Solitude

- Allow yourself to be still before the reality that God is Lord over circumstances you cannot control.
- Bring one seemingly impossible situation before God and remain silent before Him.
- Reflect on the question: What am I taking lightly that God takes seriously?

Ask — Allow the Word to Guide Your Prayer Requests

- Pray for deeper trust rather than easier circumstances. Job 13
- Pray for discernment to distinguish truth from misguided advice. Job 15
- Ask God to meet you in places where others cannot understand, and for comfort for those who feel abandoned or misunderstood.
- Ask God to deepen your awareness of His presence in suffering. Job 16

Lament — What Has Grieved You as You Have Read the Word?

- Lament and grieve over the consequences of sin in your own life, in our community, and our world. Jeremiah 25
- Confess impatience with God's timing, and the temptation to seek quick answers instead of trusting God. Jeremiah 29
- Confess the places where fear has made you believe something is impossible for God. Jeremiah 32

Mission

- Pray that our church would continue being instruments of healing and restoration in our community, and we would be faithful to the next task God has for us personally and as a whole.
- Pray for the Grief Share ministry at Long Hollow. Pray that honesty about suffering would help others feel safe bringing their pain to God.
- Pray for our workers in North Africa. May God open doors of opportunity, open the eyes of the spiritually blind, and open deaf ears to the Gospel.

This Week: Food for Families bag collection

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

2 Kings 22:1-7

Josiah became king when he was very young, but he still chose to follow God. What is one way you can follow God right now, even while you are young?
For younger children, help them think of simple answers like obeying parents, praying, or being kind; for older children and students, encourage them to name specific choices at school, online, with friends, or at home.

What is something you have — time, money, talents, or kindness—that you could give to help others know God?
For younger children, talk about sharing toys, helping someone, or giving a small offering; for older kids, discuss generosity, serving at church, helping younger kids, or using their abilities for God.

When the Book of the Law was found and read, Josiah listened carefully and wanted to obey God. What is something God teaches us in the Bible that we should listen to and obey?
For younger children, remind them of simple Bible truths like loving God and loving others; for older children and teens, ask them to think about areas where God's Word might challenge their attitudes, habits, friendships, or priorities.

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A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 42

- Jeremiah 25 / Job 13
- Jeremiah 29 / Job 14
- Jeremiah 32 / Job 15
- Jeremiah 33 / Job 16
- Jeremiah 52 / Job 17

MEMORIZE: 1 Corinthians 1:18 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Even Greater
evengreatervision.com

For more information about Even Greater, visit our our webpage above or scan the QR code.

Wait / Hear - Resources
Robby Gallaty

Visit waithearchallenge.com or scan the QR for more resource and the 7-week challenge.

RESOURCES

The Bible Project's Guide - Kings

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **1 and 2 Kings** and its themes.

The Bible Project's Guide - Job

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Job** and its themes.

What's Going On at Long Hollow

- **Long Hollow Pickleball League**- October 15-November 19, 6PM, Pickleball Kingdom
- **Owning Your Faith** - Sundays in November, 11AM, Atrium next to the Information Area.
- **Food for Families** - Food drop-offs are Sundays, November 1-15 at both campuses.

Starting a D-Group

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.
longhollow.com/dgroups

COMMENTARY

What's Going On?

Josiah becomes king at age eight and reigns for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. (2 Kings 22:1–7) He demonstrates righteousness by walking in the ways of David without deviating from God's path. (2 Kings 22:1–7)

At age twenty-six, during the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah becomes troubled by the temple's condition—a state of neglect and disrepair caused by his predecessors' indifference to God's house. His conviction that the temple and worship require restoration drives his subsequent actions. He directs his secretary Shaphan to instruct the high priest Hilkiah to collect silver that doorkeepers have gathered from the people. (2 Kings 22:1–7)

This money flows to supervisors overseeing the temple, who then distribute it to workers—carpenters, builders, and masons—for purchasing timber and stone to repair the damage. (2 Kings 22:1–7) Notably, Josiah exempts these workers from financial accountability, trusting their integrity. (2 Kings 22:1–7) The repairs address nearly two centuries of deterioration since King Joash's previous restoration, and Josiah's approach mirrors Joash's earlier temple repair program.

This passage establishes the beginning of Josiah's religious reforms. The temple had apparently received no maintenance since Joash's era, making restoration both necessary and urgent. What begins as a straightforward construction project becomes the catalyst for a far more significant spiritual awakening—during the repairs, workers discover a copy of the book of the law, prompting Josiah to recognize that Judah has abandoned God's commands.

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A Bit of Background Context

Josiah became king at age eight and reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem (2 Kings 22:1–7), but the passage in 2 Kings 22:1-7 specifically addresses events during his eighteenth regnal year. His rise to power followed the assassination of his father Amon in an internal coup; the "people of the land" killed those responsible and placed the young Josiah on the throne. Though no co-regent is named in Kings, Shaphan the scribe's direct communication with the priests suggests that elite scribes, priests, and landholders mentored Josiah for leadership.

The immediate context involves temple maintenance. Josiah "did what was right in the LORD's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David" (2 Kings 22:1–7), and in his eighteenth year, he commissioned the court secretary Shaphan to collect silver from temple donations and direct it toward repairing damage to the sanctuary (2 Kings 22:1–7). This repair project echoes similar temple work undertaken centuries earlier.

The broader historical backdrop shaped Josiah's reign significantly. The increasing threat of imperial domination—particularly following the Northern Kingdom's fall to Assyria a century earlier and Assyrian incursions that had reduced Judah to a rump-state—created desperate circumstances. Religious syncretism resulted as Judean officials introduced foreign forms of worship into the Temple. Josiah's reform coincided with the decline of Assyria as the major power in the region, enabling him to reassert Yahwistic worship and eventually extend control northward.

The passage itself focuses on the practical mechanics of temple repair, but this administrative action becomes the launching point for what follows—the discovery of the Book of the Law, which would transform Josiah's reign from a maintenance project into a comprehensive religious reformation.

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2 Kings 22:1-7

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the Lord's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left.

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent the court secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, to the Lord's temple, saying, "Go up to the high priest Hilkiah so that he may total up the silver brought into the Lord's temple—the silver the doorkeepers have collected from the people. It is to be given to those doing the work—those who oversee the Lord's temple. They in turn are to give it to the workmen in the Lord's temple to repair the damage. They are to give it to the carpenters, builders, and masons to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the temple.But no accounting is to be required from them for the silver given to them since they work with integrity."

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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