

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **July 7, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage together out loud.

Small Group Questions (2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21)

1. Where is there evil around you? In the 2 Chronicles passage, the evil has to do with brutality and the threat of violence to infants and children. Each of us faces evil in varying ways from language and attitudes at work, to coarse joking, to sexually immoral friends, to theft, to entertainment or various kinds of abuses. Those following God are called to resist evil. How are you doing? (**Read James 4:7**)
2. Jehoiada and Jehosheba are pushed to a point of civil disobedience. The civil authorities have said to harm life, but instead, they preserve life. They do this secretly for at least 6 years. Are there areas in your own life where the civil authorities are instructing you, or expecting you to do something that is contrary to God's Word? In what way must you "obey God rather than men"? Can you do this "quietly" (like Jehoiada and Jehosheba)? Why or why not? (**Read Acts 5:29**)
3. We can view evil as something to complain about, fear or even blame. Or we can view it as something to resist. In what way is evil an opportunity for God and his followers? (**Read Galatians 6:9-10**)
4. Truth will be revealed by God through his followers. But the timing and affect is really up to God. The obedience of Jehoiada and Jehosheba was courageous. For 6 years they told no one and were constantly "looking over their shoulders." But that obedience eventually paid off as God used them to preserve the line of David that was leading up to Jesus. How has the obedience of others (and past generations) been a blessing to you? How has God used other people's past obedience to "reveal truth" today? (**Read Psalm 105:1-6**)
5. Our culture will not be reformed by good laws and legislation. Our laws and legislation reveal what we (together) really value. Our culture will actually be transformed by God's people being God's people. If God's people are obedient and prayerful, God will hear us and have mercy on "our land." Are you waiting for government to change the culture? Or are you making the changes? (**Read 2 Chronicles 7:14**) What must you do today in obedience to the LORD?