

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **July 14, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage (2 Chronicles 26) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (2 Chronicles 26)

1. The boundaries that God puts in place reflect his best for us. They also reveal his heart to us. Talk about how observing and obeying God's boundaries in your life has protected you and blessed you. (**Psalm 119:1-8**). What specific commands or precepts have provided you with encouragement, joy and blessing?
2. As we get older, it's easy to confuse "our own attainments" with "blessings from God." When we do this, we can become prideful (2 Chon 26:16). Talk about the differences between your own attainments and blessings which come from God. (**Proverbs 28:14**). What do you have that is your own attainment? If every blessing is from God (James 1:17), how does that humble you?
3. The more prideful we become the less we seek the Lord. In other words, you can learn about how prideful you are by examining how you seek the Lord. What are your disciplines for hearing the Lord? What are your disciplines for obeying the Lord? What recourses do your friends (husband, wife) have if you seem angry when they confront your hardened heart? (2 Chron 26:16-19).
4. Uzziah faced three specific challenges regarding observing God's boundaries as he got older: a BAD EXAMPLE (his own father had not followed God whole-heartedly—2 Chronicles 25:2), NO ACCOUNTABILITY (his old and wise accountability partner (mentor) had passed away) and also, he was growing in power (PRIDE). As you have gotten older, have you made excuses for why you are trying to "widen the playing field"? How can you overcome those excuses?
5. When you move God's boundaries you will face his discipline. His discipline is grace. Uzziah was struck with leprosy, and it was a daily and gracious reminder of God's discipline. The leprosy also humbled him. How have you experienced gracious discipline in your life? What lesson was God teaching you?

Only one is the "Prophet, Priest and King," Jesus Christ. Uzziah, the king, tried to do what only priests should do—namely, burning incense, and he was disciplined for it. Thank God that we have a perfect Prophet, a perfect Priest, a perfect King who kept God's boundaries perfectly on behalf of those who trust him.

