

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding of what it means to glorify God through quick obedience.



connecting

Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion.

Icebreaker: Who is a non-biblical historical figure you admire and why?

1. **READ 2 Chronicles 29:1-2.** Hezekiah had a huge responsibility at the age of 25. What kind of responsibilities did you have, do you have, or do you anticipate having; at the age of 25?

2. **READ some texts about King David (Hezekiah's ancestor): 1 Kings 15:4-5; 1 Chronicles 29:26-28 & Acts 13:36. NOW READ about King Ahaz (Hezekiah's father): 2 Chronicles 28:1-4, 22-23.** How do you think this mixture of an ungodly and godly heritage affected Hezekiah as a young man?

3. Do you have a "mixed" heritage of godliness and ungodliness? How do you think it might affect you today?

4. **READ 2 Chronicles 29:3-5.** What things did Hezekiah get to work on immediately?

5. 2 or 3 of you share in response to this question: Have you ever had a time when God called you to a quick obedience that involved not only a decision but also some hard work?

6. **READ 2 Chronicles 29:6-12.** What connection did Hezekiah make with disobedience to God and negative consequences? What did Hezekiah intend to do in order to repent and recover?

7. 2 or 3 of you (different people than those who answered question 5 if possible) share in response to this question: Have you ever had a time in your life when you disobeyed God and experienced negative consequences as a result? What did you do in order to repent and recover?

8. **READ John 14:15-24 & Romans 1:5-6.** What do the words of Jesus in John 15 and Paul in Romans 1 state about the connection between obedience and authentic relationship with Jesus?

9. Is there anything in your life right now where you sense the Lord is calling you to obedience through a decision that might also require some hard work? What is holding you back from following through? What can you do to take the first step of obedience?



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Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

2 Chronicles 29 - REVIVAL STARTS AT HOME

INTRODUCING HEZ (KING HEZEKIAH)

HISTORICAL BACKDROP

- * United Kingdom (1050-930 BC)
- * Divided Kingdom (930 BC-586 BC)
- * Fall of the 10 Northern Tribes (722 BC)
- * Judah's Decline
- * Hezekiah's "Window" (29 Years – 715-686 BC)
- * Hezekiah's "Inheritance" (2 Chronicles 28)

PRINCIPLE A: You are not inevitably bound to the past.

FIRST ACTION STEPS BY HEZ

- ❶ Cleanse & Reopen the Temple (2 Chronicles 29:1-11)
 - ❖ He went to work immediately (v.3)

PRINCIPLE B: The right time to obey God is now!

- ❖ He started in the right place (v.3)

PRINCIPLE C: Every human being's first priority should be acknowledging God's worth.

- ❖ He involved the right people (v.4)
 - ❖ He moved quickly (vv/15-17; 35b-36)
- ❷ Apologize to God (2 Chronicles 29:6-10)
 - ❸ Offer Right Sacrifices (2 Chronicles 29:11; 20-24)

PRINCIPLE D: God alone sets the conditions by which we approach Him.

- ❹ Let the Praises Ring (2 Chronicles 29:25-30)

PRINCIPLE E: The joy of the Lord is our strength.