

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding of what it means to worship God by the spirit of the law.



connecting

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on spring break**. We have still offered study questions this week in this simplified format, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet.

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

Icebreaker: When was the last time you celebrated a meal with a large group of people (10 or more)?

1. **READ 2 Chronicles 30:1-5.** Hezekiah was so excited to celebrate the Passover, he got it going even though it was late and he tried to get the word out to everybody, even the northern kingdom of Israel. Have you ever experienced a time of personal repentance that fueled your passion to tell others about God? Tell your group about it.

2. **READ 2 Chronicles 30:6-9.** In Hezekiah's invitation to Passover, what did he ask the people to do? What were his reasons, positive and negative?

3. **READ 2 Chronicles 30:10-12.** What were the various responses to Hezekiah's proclamation? What do you think may have been the reason for these differences?

4. What types of responses, both positive and negative, have you received when you've shared about the consequences of rejecting God and the benefits of turning to Him?

5. **READ 2 Chronicles 30:13-20.** Where were the rules "bent" in order for many to celebrate the Passover? Why was Hezekiah so confident that this deviation from the Law would be okay with God?

6. **READ Psalm 51:10-19.** How is the line of thinking in this prayer of David similar to what happened in 2 Chronicles 30?

7. Is it okay to "bend" some of the rules to include people in your church or group? Why or why not? If so, which ones?

8. **READ 2 Chronicles 30:21-27.** What were some of the amazing results of the Passover celebration in Jerusalem?

9. What ritual meal in the New Testament takes the place of Passover for us (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)? How could this chapter in 2 Chronicles help us to better celebrate this today?



growing



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reaching

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Turn Fully Back to Your God

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2 Chronicles 30

INTRODUCTION / CONDITIONS FOR FORGIVENESS & HEALING (2 Chronicles 7:14)

- ❶ Humble yourself before God
- ❷ Pray to God
- ❸ Seek God's face
- ❹ Turn from your wicked ways

PRINCIPLE A: Sinners should seek God Himself in humble repentance.

PRINCIPLE B: The corporate spiritual decline or progress of a nation depends to a significant extent on the prayers of Christian people.

CHALLENGE #1: Getting the House of God Back in Order

CHALLENGE #2: Calling All Judah Back to Worship God

THE BIGGEST PRE-EASTER, EASTER CELEBRATION EVER (THE JEWISH PASSOVER)

PRINCIPLE C: Salvation with God requires that, by faith, you place yourself under the blood of Christ.

OOPS, WE JUST BARELY MISSED THE PASSOVER (Exodus 12:2; Numbers 9:10-11; cf. Deuteronomy 16:1-8)

► Hezekiah's Response – Bend the Rules a Little

- a) Passover was celebrated in the 2nd month of the year, instead of the first (v.2; cf. Numbers 9:10-11)
- b) Northern Israelites were allowed certain exemptions from ritual requirements (vv.18-19)

PRINCIPLE D: Knowing & following God closely involves understanding the spirit of His laws.

PRINCIPLE E: Allow God to stretch your faith & expand your expectations.

PRINCIPLE F: If you want to bring true unity among separated believers, God needs to be the focal point.

PRINCIPLE G: We have to leave the response of our outreach to God.

RESULTS

- ❶ Revival of worship to God
- ❷ Reconciliation of separated believers
- ❸ Great rejoicing among the people
- ❹ God brought healing & blessing (v.20)