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Discussion Questions

Read 2 Chronicles 36

How are Zedekiah and the Jewish people described in these verses (v 12-14)?

How did God respond, and why (v 15)?

How did the people react to God's Word (v 16)?

We like to quote Jeremiah 29:11 as an encouragement; God has a plan for our lives. But what is God's plan for our lives according to the sermon?

Can you think of any passages in the Bible that back that up?

Titus 2:11-14, 1 Thess 4:3-8, Col 3:5-14 are some good places to start.

Is there an area in your life that God has been pursuing you for holiness?

How do we become more holy, like God wants for us?

How far is God willing to go to make you holy?

Some of the Jewish people faced God's wrath (v 16). Why did they face that wrath? What could they have done instead (Jeremiah 21:8-10)?

What does God use hardship for in the lives of His people (1 Peter 1:6-7)?

If someone fights God, or refuses to trust Him when hard things come, what does that show about their faith (Mark 13:20-21)?

How do we often react when hard things come? What kinds of questions do we tend to ask?

What kinds of questions should we ask instead?

Are you going through any hardships now that are testing your faith? How are you doing?

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What can we do to help?

2 Chronicles ends in the middle of a sentence to remind us that the story isn't over (compare 2 Chronicles 36:23 and Ezra 1:3). This offers us hope for the future as we trust God through our trials. Take another look at some of the verses we have already looked at. Each of them refers to something we are waiting for in the same chapter (Titus 2:11-14, 1 Thess 4:3-18, Colossians 3:3-14, 1 Peter 1:3-7). What is it?

Does this future hope help you endure suffering and become more holy? Why or why not?