



A Desperate Prayer

Pastor Tommy Creutz | 2 Chronicles 20:1–12

Ice Breaker

Remember a time in your life when you were afraid or overwhelmed. Share about that time and what your first response was.

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY (Studying the context)

For context on King Jehoshaphat, read 2 Chronicles 17:3-6 and 2 Chronicles 19:9-11. What do we learn about his decisions as a leader and what drew his heart to prayer?

Read Jehoshaphat's prayer in 2 Chronicles 20:6-12. Then turn to Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11. How do these passages describe who God is, and what similarities do you notice between them?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY (Connecting to the Gospel)

Read Matthew 10:26-31. What was Jesus teaching the disciples in this section regarding fear?

In John 14, Jesus is reassuring his disciples knowing that he won't be with them physically for much longer. What are some of the promises he gives to us there? (V. 26-27)

APPLY TO OUR STORY (Living the truth out)

Have you ever or are you now practicing fasting? If you have, share with your group how God has worked in you through fasting.

Who can you encourage this week by sharing this message with them?

Accountability

In verse 4 it says: "The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him." When you get fearful, overwhelmed, or powerless, who are the people around that you can call on to seek the Lord together?

Parenting Moment

Our kids often come to us with their fears (nightmares, insecurities with friends, etc) See those times this week as an opportunity to model seeking God first in our fears and worries.