



BIBLICAL MENTORS

Jehoiada

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 111 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

- What are you most grateful for today? Least grateful for?
- How did everyone live out last week's sermon and discussion?
- Will you host a Driveway Social or reach out to your neighbors this week?

DISCUSSION

Harry Stackhouse shared a message about Jehoiada, a priest from 2 Chronicles who served as a mentor to Joash. Joash became king at age seven, and Jehoiada's counsel helped Joash rule wisely and restore the house of God. Yet after his mentor's death, Joash turned to idols and poor counselors. His story invites us to consider who is influencing us, as well as how we are influencing others. Pastor Stackhouse also encouraged us to examine our hearts, asking what God is saying to us or calling us to do in this crisis.

Discuss the questions, or if you're studying a book, RightNow Media series, etc., transition to discussion and try to include questions that address head, heart, and hands.

1. Pastor Stackhouse noted that God often uses crises to get His people out of their comfort zones (e.g., exile for 70 years, wilderness for 40 years). How have the last few months taken you out of your comfort zone?

2. Read 2 Chronicles 23:16-24:2.

-What do you notice about Jehoiada?

-What do you think makes a good, godly mentor?

3. Read 2 Chronicles 24:15-19.

-What changed after Jehoiada's death?

-How do you discern if the information you're receiving is of God or of the world?

4. Joash quickly abandoning God revealed that Jehoiada's value system had not taken root in his heart. Is there anything God has exposed about your heart, or about your true beliefs and values in this crisis?

5. How is God calling you to affect change or to influence others for His glory?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs. Consider praying this prayer by Ted Loder.

In this moment
draw me to yourself, Lord,
and make me aware
not so much of what I've given
as of all I have received
and so have yet to share.
Send me forth
in power and gladness
and with great courage
to live out in the world
what I pray and profess,
that, in sharing,
I may do justice,
make peace,
grow in love,
enjoy myself,
other people,
and your world now,
and you forever.¹

¹ Ted Loder, "Draw Me to Yourself," from *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayer for the Battle* (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1981), 89.