



Finding Courage to Repent

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Sermon Discussion Guide

This message looks at the topic of repentance! The divided kingdom of Israel and Judah had been involved in terrible wickedness and had broken their covenant with God. The Northern Kingdom's wickedness led God to withdraw His presence from them and they were defeated by the Assyrians and many of the people carried into exile. The Southern Kingdom was filled with wickedness, but their judgement was postponed because of the efforts of King Hezekiah and his great grandson, King Josiah, who both sought to bring about national repentance. The two kings in between continued in wickedness. The ministry of Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, began under Josiah's reign. A detailed look at the need for repentance and the requirements for finding courage to repent are both presented because of the practical application to our lives today!

HIGHLIGHT

- **2 Kings 17:7-23; Jeremiah 2.** Ask for someone to read the text aloud. Or you read the text aloud.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?