

Bible Study*Absolute Surrender – Introduction to Discipleship***Purpose**

The purpose of this Bible study is to continue a 1 on 1 Bible study connection with someone with a specific focus on what the Bible says about the cost of being a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Key Points by WeekWeek 1 – Introduction – The life of Josiah

- ✓ Josiah's family influence was not good. His grandfather Manasseh was one of the most wicked kings of Israel (until greatly humbled later in life) and when he died, Josiah's father Amon became king and did evil in the sight of the Lord and was killed.
- ✓ When Manasseh was greatly humbled, he feared God and tried to correct the evil he had done.
- ✓ He was not able to change his son Amon, but he was able to impact his grandson to follow God.
- ✓ As a young boy, Josiah had to make a choice – was he going to follow his father and do evil or follow his humbled grandfather and do that which was right in the sight of the LORD?
- ✓ **Josiah chose to fear and obey God.** As a result, his life is a pattern for us as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Read Josiah's legacy in 2 Kings 23:35 – imagine if God could say that about your life as a disciple!

Week 2 – SURRENDER – Who is Jesus to you?

- ✓ The Bible says the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7).
- ✓ We can learn about the proper fear of the LORD through the six examples of men in the Bible who saw God face to face.
- ✓ The Bible says that everyone will stand before Jesus one day as the holy and just Judge.
- ✓ God's Law provides the basis for how we will be judged and what the outcome of judgment will be.
- ✓ All must repent and by faith trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation (Acts 26:20; Rom 10:9)

Week 3 – SEEK – What is your life's #1 priority?

- ✓ There was a point in Josiah's life when **he began to seek** after God – not just obey Him.
- ✓ The Bible says that we are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt 6:33).
- ✓ God's Law can be summarized as Jesus did by our need to love God and love people (Rom 13:8-10).
- ✓ We must understand that all sin is against God (Gen 39:9; Ps 51:7-12; Luke 15:18, 21).
- ✓ It should be our life priority to please God by fearing Him and obeying Him daily in all areas of life.

Week 4 – SEPARATE – What will it cost you to be a disciple and live for God's glory?

- ✓ There was a point in Josiah's life when **he began to purge** things that opposed God's truth and glory.
- ✓ The Bible says that God hates things – we must hate the things that God hates and love what He loves (Ps 110:104, 113, 128, 163; Prov 6:16; 8:36; 1 John 2:15).
- ✓ Jesus spoke often about true and false conversion and said the key to understanding all parables is found in the parable of the sower (Mark 4:3-8, 13; Matt 13; Mark 4; Luke 8).
- ✓ We must all examine our lives according to the Bible to be sure we have fruits of true salvation.

Week 5 – SERVE – What is God calling you to do?

- ✓ There was a point in Josiah's life when **he began to serve God** and was a catalyst to lead His people.
- ✓ All through the Bible, God has called people to stand in the gap and speak for Him.
- ✓ Jesus told His disciples to pray that God would send forth laborers – then He told them to go!
- ✓ To follow Jesus, we must do what He did which cost Him His life – **it is our turn in Church History!!**