

Discussion Guide

The Implementation (Building Lives #3)

Week of May 8, 2022

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Group. The point of this guide is not to “get through the questions” (there’s no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

Icebreaker (Optional)

Would you rather make an impressive to-do list but get nothing done OR accomplish a lot but never remember what you achieved?

Discussion

Open to 2 Chronicles 31

This past Sunday, Erin taught from Nehemiah 3, showing how it took everyone to generously give their time and energy to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. For today’s purposes, let’s see these same truths from a different story in Scripture. In 2 Chronicles 29 (two chapters prior to where you are about to read), Hezekiah becomes king of Judah. Hezekiah’s father, King Ahaz, had been an unfaithful and evil king, leading the people of Judah away from God. Hezekiah had to create a plan to get the people to follow God again. As he reestablished the Mosaic laws, he sought to outfit the priests with what they needed to live and work.

Read 2 Chronicles 31:2-10 (Feel free to split among two readers)

1. Who do we see give to the project?
2. What do we see them give?

3. What words are used to describe the gifts of the people?

4. What was the result of the people’s generosity?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

5. Who is to give?

6. What are they to give?

7. How are they to give?

8. Why are they to give?

Making it Personal

Read Nehemiah 3:1-4

9. As we heard in Erin’s sermon, the rest of chapter 3 continues much like this. How does the story in Nehemiah 3 complement the story from 2 Chronicles 31 and the teaching from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7?

10. If you follow Jesus, how should these truths impact your faith and life?

Prayer

As you close in prayer, thank God for His indescribable gift of salvation through Jesus (2 Corinthians 9:15). Then ask Him to give you wisdom as to what you can and should generously, cheerfully, willingly, and sacrificially give as part of the Building Lives capital campaign.