

BE THE CHANGE: Studies in Repentance
Week 5: "IF/THEN"
July 5th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

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| ~Safe Group | ~Silence | ~Sharing |
| ~Confidentiality | ~No Cross Talk | ~Self-Aware |
| ~Listen | ~No Fixing | ~"I" Statements |
| ~Pause | ~No Rescuing | ~Handle Conflict Biblically |

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

This week's study is called "If/Then"...Describe something when you were growing up that you knew would follow this pattern (ex. IF this occurred, THEN this would happen)

INTRODUCTION

This week concludes our series ***Be The Change***. Our final study comes from a verse of scripture found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. In this verse, God gives a powerful promise in the causal context of an "If/Then" statement. This is the foundation of this week's teaching and the title of our study "***If/Then.***"

As we engage the story from 2 Chronicles 7:11-22, consider some of the challenges, obstacles, and struggles our world faces today.

Bible Storytelling: 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **Begin the discussion by talking about struggles we see in our world. Please do your best to keep the conversation away from political positions and focus on challenges, obstacles, and struggles our world faces today. These are the current day counterparts to the droughts, famines, and plagues mentioned in verse 13.**
- **Why might God put the weight of the "IF/THEN" statement of verse 14 - the burden of repentance - on the shoulders of His people?**
- **What are we called to do in response to the struggles and challenges we talked about in the first question?**
- **How might that differ from what you previously thought Christians were called to do about the difficulties we see in the world?**
- **What does God promise He will do in response to our repentance?**
- **Going back to the first question, how could you imagine God's forgiveness, healing, and restoration might affect the struggles we currently face?**
- **How will you embrace repentance?**

- ***CLOSING PRAYER***-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.