

PREACHING CURRICULUM

What We Deserve

2 Chronicles 35:20-27

He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God...

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read 2 Chronicles 35:20-27. What sin did King Josiah commit in this passage? What were the consequences of his sin?

What was unusual about the way God communicated with King Josiah in this instance? Why might Josiah have ignored God's message?

How is God's grace toward Josiah evident in this passage, even in the midst of his failure?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Can you describe a time in your life when you got exactly what you deserved? What about a time when you got what you didn't deserve? What was your response in both of those situations?

What is the general cultural attitude toward sin today? What is your own personal attitude toward sin?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

According to Scripture, how serious of a problem is sin? Why is it often so difficult for us to take the biblical view of sin seriously?

What is the ultimate solution to our sin problem? How does the story of the downfall of King Josiah point us forward to that solution?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Has your attitude toward sin become misaligned with God's view? If so, how might you make appropriate adjustments? How does a biblical view of sin drive us to rely more deeply on God's grace?

