

Study Guide on Message Jehoshaphat

Use this set of questions to explore the message more deeply—whether in personal reflection, around the table, or in a small group discussion.

General Small Group Questions

- The most encouraging Thought I heard in the message was....
- The most challenging thought I had in the message was
- The Most confusing thought I heard was.....

Small Group Discussion – Righteous in a Crisis

Text: 1 Kings 22:41–44; 2 Chronicles 17–20

Big Idea: *Our crises are not the end of the story—they can be the moment when God does His greatest work*

1. Beginning Well (1 Kings 22:41–44; 2 Chronicles 17:1–6)

- How does Scripture describe Jehoshaphat’s character and the way he followed God?
- Verse 6 says, “*His heart was devoted to the ways of the LORD.*” What do you think that kind of devotion looks like in daily life?
- What practical steps did Jehoshaphat take to strengthen Judah spiritually? How might those translate into modern examples of godly leadership today?
- Why do you think it’s important that the writer includes both Jehoshaphat’s faithfulness *and* his failure to remove the high places?

2. Building a Foundation of Faith (2 Chronicles 17:7–11)

- Jehoshaphat sent teachers of God’s Word throughout the land. Why was this such a significant decision for the nation?
- How does consistent exposure to God’s Word prepare us for future crises?

- What habits or rhythms have helped your faith become stronger before the pressure hits?
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3. Misplaced Alliances (2 Chronicles 18)

- Jehoshaphat allied himself with Ahab, an ungodly king. Why might he have made that decision?
 - What does this episode teach us about the influence of ungodly partnerships or alliances today?
 - How do you balance showing grace and maintaining discernment in relationships that could compromise your convictions?
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4. The Crisis (2 Chronicles 20:1–4)

- When Jehoshaphat heard that multiple armies were coming against him, verse 3 says he was afraid. What do you notice about how he responded to that fear?
 - What stands out to you about the nationwide fast and prayer gathering he called?
 - How can fear sometimes serve as a doorway to deeper faith?
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5. The Prayer (2 Chronicles 20:5–12)

- Read verses 5–12 carefully. What truths about God does Jehoshaphat declare before making his request?
 - Which part of his prayer resonates with you the most?
 - Why do you think God responds to honest admissions like, *“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You”*?
 - How does Jehoshaphat’s prayer challenge the way we normally pray during crises?
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- Do I believe God can help me deal with this in a better way than I can? Why or why not?
- What would stop you from turning this issue over to the leadership and care of God through Jesus Christ?
- Am I willing to turn this “stuff,” my pain, and my will over to the care of Jesus Christ?
- What losses do I risk in turning this “stuff” and my will over to Jesus Christ?
- What potential benefits might I gain?

Prayer in the Middle of the Battle

- In his prayer, Jehoshaphat remembered who God is (“You rule over all the kingdoms”) and admitted, “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” Why do you think God responds so powerfully when we admit our weakness instead of pretending to have a plan?
- Jehoshaphat prayed specifically for God’s help. What difference does it make when our prayers move from general (“God, please help”) to specific requests rooted in God’s promises?

6. The Response and the Battle (2 Chronicles 20:13–25)

- How did God answer their prayer through Jahaziel’s message (vv. 14–17)?
- What do you think it means to “stand firm” and “see the deliverance of the LORD”?
- Why did Jehoshaphat send worshipers out in front of the army? What does that reveal about his faith and understanding of God?
- How might worship change our perspective before the “battle” is over?

On Your Own Time (These Might Sting a Bit)

These questions are more personal. Use these set of questions for your individual growth. I recommend setting aside one of your daily devotion times to work through these questions. Depending on how honest you're willing to get with yourself and with God, it might take around 30-60 minutes. I know it's a long time, but hey, 30 min is worth growing in sanctification right? Be as specific as possible. And if you're feeling really brave, consider sharing one or two of your answers with your small group.

- Think of a past crisis where you felt powerless but saw God come through. What did that experience teach you about His faithfulness? When I am not in control, I feel...

What areas of your life are like the vast army? (unmanageable or out of control? Be specific.

- How would a person who has turned their pain and will over to the care of God respond in this situation?

How would a person who has not turned their pain and will over respond?

Based up on your actions this past week, which person do you look like, the one turned this issue to Jesus, or the one who hasnet’