

1. God's Word is alive and active, revealing our hearts, equipping and preparing us, and piercing to convict.
2. King Hezekiah is a godly man, yet his son, Manasseh, is wicked. He defiles the Temple and builds altars to worship creation rather than God.
3. After Manessah's death, his son Amon takes over, but his reign is short lived because he is wicked. Josiah is crowned king at 8 years old.
4. Scripture records that Josiah did "not turn to the right or left," meaning that he completely focused on the things of God.
5. As Josiah reclaims the Temple and brings God back to the center, the high priest finds a "Book of the Law." The Word of God was an original copy hidden during times of extreme sin.
6. Josiah's response of tearing his royal robes indicates his repentance and remorse for the sins of his fathers. His faith is strong and he is painfully aware of the rebellion.
7. It was Scripture that drives Josiah to repentance. He already had a personal commitment to God, but he hears God's Word, and it motivates him to action.
8. Josiah's faithfulness is rewarded, but God reveals through the prophetess Huldah that judgement will occur because of the generational disregard for God.
9. Our true nature is often revealed during an unexpected crisis.
10. We cannot read the Word of God, comprehend it, and remain the same. Scripture demands action.

## **GREEK & HEBREW WORDS**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

God of Wonders  
Thank You Jesus  
Graves Into Gardens  
I Know That I Know

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Hebrews 4:12 together. Josiah's story proves that the Word of God is "living and active." It didn't just inform him, it transformed him. When has Scripture hit you in such a personal way that it changed your attitude, behavior, or direction in life?

Hezekiah was godly, but his son Manasseh was wicked. Yet a few generations later, Josiah returned to righteousness. What gives you hope when you see faith skipped or rejected in your family or among people you love?

In Josiah's time, the Temple was active with worship and sacrifices, yet the worship was not for God. The "Book of the Law" had been lost, and the people had replaced God's truth with man-made religion and idol worship. Have you ever experienced a time when your worship or spiritual habits looked good on the outside, but God's Word wasn't really at the center? What helped you recognize it and turn things around?

When Josiah heard the Word, he tore his clothes in grief and repentance. His heart was tender. How do you usually respond when God's Word exposes something in your life that needs to change?

Scripture says Josiah "did not turn to the right or the left." That's rare! It's a description of a heart completely devoted to God. What helps you stay spiritually "on the rails" when life pressures or distractions try to pull you off course?

Josiah's reforms were bold and he really "cleaned house" to bring the nation back to God. If you were to "take out the trash" in your own life right now, what might need to go?

Mark's message ends with a challenge: "We cannot read the Word of God, comprehend it, and remain the same." What is one practical step you can take this week to live out something God's Word has been pressing on your heart lately?