



GIVE & TAKE

STUDY TOOLS

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Teaching: *Wake Up*

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1–13

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5-DAY READING PLAN WITH QUESTIONS:

Monday: 1 Kings 21

Tuesday: 1 Kings 22:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kings 22:14-20

Thursday: 1 Kings 23:1-30

Friday: 1 Kings 23:31-37

MEMORY VERSE:

No Memory Verse

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does this passage tell you about people?
3. If this is God's Word (The Bible), what do I need to do?
4. What's your takeaway?
5. Who would you tell?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

We often talk about what we're supposed to pass on to the next generation, but what if God also wants to use them to remind us of the things we've forgotten? Looking at the life of young King Josiah in 2 Kings 22–23, we see that real revival began when he responded to God's Word with humility and courage. Even before he fully understood the Scriptures, Josiah sought God, but once the Book of the Law was discovered, everything changed. He returned to God's Word as the authority for his life, removed every trace of idolatry and spiritual compromise, and renewed the nation's covenant with God, believing that change was possible. The next generation can teach us something new about faith, and they remind us of what we've neglected. As we learn from their example by returning to God's Word, removing compromise, and renewing our faithfulness to God, we position ourselves for the kind of revival that always begins at home.

Background on 2 Kings 22:

1 and 2 Kings talk about all the kings that came after King David. In 2 Kings 22, we are nearing the end of the story of Israel's history. By this point, the Northern Kingdom of Israel has been conquered by Assyria, and most of its people have been taken into exile. The Southern Kingdom of Judah has survived, but the people there have also wandered far from God. As 2 Kings 21:9 tells us, King Manasseh and the people "did not listen" to the Law God had given through Moses.

In 2 Kings 22, we are introduced to a new king named Josiah. He became king at just eight years old after his father, Amon, was assassinated. 2 Kings 21 tells us that Amon was a wicked king who

worshipped false gods and idols, following in the sinful ways of his father, Manasseh. 2 Kings 22 begins in the 18th year of Josiah's reign because it is the defining event of his leadership.

Questions:

Ice Breaker: What piece of advice would you give to your teenage self? What piece of advice would your teenage self give to you today?

1. Read 2 Kings 22 together as a group. What are your initial impressions of Josiah's leadership?
2. When Josiah heard the book of the law was found, what was his response? Why do you think he responded so differently than the generations before him?
3. What was God's response to Josiah (2 Kings 22:19-20)?
4. Josiah led the people in returning to the Word of God. Has a child, student, or younger believer ever reminded you of an important truth about God or faith? What happened?
5. Read 2 Kings 23:21-25. After returning to God's Word and removing idolatry, Josiah renewed the people's covenant with God. Why do you think renewal naturally follows repentance? What does renewal look like in everyday life?
6. This series has been called *Give & Take* because every generation has something to teach and something to learn. How can you intentionally invest in someone from another generation and what might God want to teach you through them?

DIGGING DEEPER

For further study, read the rest of 2 Kings 23 to see how Josiah followed through with what God wanted him to do.

You can also check out this video and article on 1 & 2 Kings by the Bible Project:

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/books-of-kings/>