

Pt. 1: Josiah

Every person leaves a legacy. Good or bad, their influence effects the world around them. This is seen throughout the Old Testament when ancient Israel and Judah were ruled by numerous kings. Some led well, others didn't. What separated good kings from bad was their commitment to serve God. Their actions determined the legacy they ultimately left behind.

Bottom Line: Leave a legacy worth sharing.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Who influenced you the most in your childhood? Was this influence good or bad? How has that influence shaped you as an adult?
- 2. We've all had moments where we were put on the spot and trusted to handle a situation. Describe a time when you were given significant responsibility. Did you feel equipped for the situation? What was the outcome?
- 3. **Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-2.** Josiah was made king at age 8 after a series of bad kings prior to him. Imagine you're a person under Josiah's reign. Considering the examples he had, what confidence do you have in his ability to lead? What advice would you give to Josiah has he begins his reign?
- 4. **Read 2 Kings 23:1-3.** As Josiah's commission to repair the temple was carried out, the Book of the Covenant Law was discovered after it had been missing for several generations. Josiah ordered it to be read to all his people. What impact did Josiah's decision to read the Book of the Law have on the people? What influence does reading scripture have on people today?
- 5. **Read 2 Kings 22:3-7 & 33.** These passages reference Josiah's behavior which exemplified the legacy he left behind. What characteristics does a person need to exhibit in order to leave a legacy worth sharing?
- 6. We typically share what we learn. As Christians, we learn about the Great Commission. What's one way that you can share the Good News with someone who may not know it?
- 7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 8. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?