



Growth Group Questions

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“God’s Words is the Tether that Attaches Us to His Path of Restoration”

SCRIPTURE

Judges 21:25

²⁵ In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 10:9

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*, 1670

“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Jeremiah 36:1-7

¹In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. ³Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, they will each turn from their wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.” ⁴So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll. ⁵Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am restricted; I am not allowed to go to the LORD’s temple. ⁶So you go to the house of the LORD on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll the words of the LORD that you wrote as I dictated. Read them to all the people of Judah who come in from their towns. ⁷Perhaps they will bring their petition before the LORD and will each turn from their wicked ways, for the anger and wrath pronounced against this people by the LORD are great.”

Jeremiah 36:15-21

¹⁵They said to him, “Sit down, please, and read it to us.” So Baruch read it to them. ¹⁶When they heard all these words, they looked at each other in fear and said to Baruch, “We must report all these words to the king.” ¹⁷Then they asked Baruch, “Tell us, how did you come to write all this? Did Jeremiah dictate it?” ¹⁸“Yes,” Baruch replied, “he dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them in ink on the scroll.” ¹⁹Then the officials said to Baruch, “You and Jeremiah, go and hide. Don’t let anyone know where you are.” ²⁰After they put the scroll in the room of Elishama the secretary, they went to the king in the courtyard and reported everything to him. ²¹The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and Jehudi brought it from the room of Elishama the secretary and read it to the king and all the officials standing beside him.

Jeremiah 36:22-26

²²It was the ninth month and the king was sitting in the winter apartment, with a fire burning in the firepot in front of him. ²³Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe’s knife and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire. ²⁴The king and all his attendants who heard all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes. ²⁵Even though Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. ²⁶Instead, the king commanded Jerahmeel, a son of the king, Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But the LORD had hidden them.

QUESTIONS

1. In Judges 21:25, we read that “everyone did as they saw fit.” What does that mean? What’s wrong with doing what’s right as you see fit?
2. In Ephesians 2:1, the Apostle Paul tells the Ephesians they were once “dead in sin.” What does it mean to be “dead in sin”?

3. The Apostle Paul goes on in Ephesians 2:4 to say that because of God's great love, He made us "alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions." What does it mean to be made "alive in Christ"?
4. What can we learn about God from reading Ephesians 2:1-10?
5. Cynthia spoke of God's path to restoration. How would you describe what God's path to restoration entails?
6. In 2 Timothy 3:16, the Apostle Paul says that Scripture is "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." Make a list of what Scripture teaches us, how it rebukes and corrects us, and how it trains us in righteousness.
7. In Jeremiah 36:1-26, we see several different ways that people responded to God's Word. What reactions were there? How are these reactions to God's word similar to reactions we might see today when God's Word is read?
8. What Bible verses help to remind you of the importance of Bible study?
9. How can we ensure that we are interpreting Scripture accurately and applying it appropriately to our lives?
10. How is God's Word the tether that attaches us to His path restoration?