

WEEK 6: A Responsive Heart (Josiah)

INTRODUCTION

Josiah became king at the age of eight. By the age of twenty he had a heart for God and began dealing ruthlessly with the sin in his kingdom. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord throughout his life and set an exceptional example for us in how to have a heart that is responsive to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had an emergency situation in your own home?
2. Josiah saw the sin of his people as an emergency situation and dealt ruthlessly with the sin he encountered (2 Chronicles 34:3-7). Can you describe a situation where you would say that you dealt ruthlessly with sin in your own life? What was the result?
3. Read 2 Chronicles 34:2. Discuss what you think it looked like for Josiah to “do what was right in the eyes of the Lord.” Does it mean the same thing for our lives today?
4. Considering our own responsiveness to God, describe a recent situation where you were responsive to God’s leading.
5. Having a heart that is responsive to God takes time and a measure of intentionality. What could you do this week to help the responsiveness of your heart to God?

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: “God, thank you for changing me from the inside out. Help me to be responsive to your leading this week, whether you’re convicting, encouraging, challenging, or directing me. May I be responsive to your leading.”