

Josiah – Eight-year-old King

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Group Questions

1. Have you ever found a lost library book? Was there a fine, and, if so, was the fine more than the cost of the book?
2. What did King Josiah have going for him when he started to rule (2 Chronicles 34:1-3)? How could an eight-year-old rule a country?
3. How old were you when you began to seek God? What prompted you to seek Him?
4. King Josiah began to purge the nation of idolatry. How would such an action go over in our country? What advantages did Josiah have in his mission to reform the country?
5. The book of the Law was discovered during the temple remodel (Read 2 Chronicles 34:14-22). More than likely, this book would have been written by Moses and consisted of the entire law (first five books of the Old Testament) or the book of Deuteronomy. How could the people have lost the scriptures? What does this say about their spiritual health? Is their losing the scripture any different than us neglecting our bibles?
6. Josiah reinstates the Passover in Judah (See 2 Chronicles 35:1). Why do you believe the author of Chronicles included a lengthy discussion of this event?
7. Josiah dies in a battle at Megiddo. (2 Chronicles 35:20-27) Do you think he finished successfully? What **specific** lessons can you learn from Josiah's life?