



Discussion Guide and Study Notes

Please use this guide in your Life Group discussion to help glean the most from our Sunday morning teaching. These notes are also excellent for your personal study and growth.

TILL [Get the soil ready]

What have you done that you said you would NEVER do? What led to this or what steps got you there? Did you make this choice all at once or was it a series of small steps?

God continually warned Israel & Judah that they would be taken from the land (temporarily) if they did not follow him. Now, they are there.

The Bible books written completely during the exile are Daniel, Ezekiel, and Esther.

SOW [What God wants us to hear]

At some point, God said, "Enough." See who was king...

- 2 Kings 21 (especially verse 13-15 when God declares what he will do). Note: the exile did not start during this king; God promised it would happen because of him.
- And under the "be careful what you pray for department..."

Manasseh's father was a good, reformer king, Hezekiah.

He was about to die, but appealed for more time. God gave him 15 more years.

How old was Manasseh when he became king?

So, would this boy exist if Hezekiah died 15 years earlier?

From Sunday's message, what should Israel do in exile?



Tend [Working the truth into our hearts]

Sometimes, Christ followers find themselves in “exile.”

- What forms does this take?
- How do we end up in exile?

What’s the purpose of exile?

- See James 1:2-8
- What commands does James give regarding trials?
- What encouragement does he give?

Harvest [Where the fruit is seen]

Israel needed to get settled, seek the peace of the land, beware of feel good prophets, and hold on to the story.

How do we “settle” in our own land today? How do we draw the line between insulation and isolation?

What can we do to seek the peace of the land? How to we help others find discover life in Jesus?

How do we evaluate prophets (those who speak for God)?

How do we hold on to the story?

- Do we pray for the exile to end?
- How should we pray?
- What do we need to learn?

Preview: Israel and Judah will be brought back. They must be (why?)! If you are interested in the history after the exile, see Nehemiah and Ezra. If you would like to read what the prophets said after the exile, see Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

