

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

God: Discover His Character

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Lesson 8 – God Is Righteous

INTRODUCTION

Why do you think our society's standards of morality seem to be constantly changing?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: Holiness is a condition of purity or freedom from sin. God's righteousness is "the quality or attribute of God by virtue of which he does that which is right or in accordance with His own nature, will and law." ¹

Read Psalm 97

1. How would you describe the psalmist's view of God?
2. What importance does God's righteousness play in His reign over His creation? v. 2
3. Why are the Gentiles ashamed at God's appearance? v. 7
4. Why does Judah rejoice? Vv. 8-9
5. What should be our response to God's righteous judgment (if we're righteous)? Vv 8-10
6. What blessings are in store for those who walk uprightly?

Read II Chronicles 14:2-7; 11-12, 1 Kings 15:12-15

Note: Asherah poles were used in temple worship to the goddess of Asherah and supported Canaanite fertility rituals. She was considered Baal's mother and El's consort. The altars and shrines were placed on high places. Moses told the Israelites to demolish all the high places as they drove the Canaanites out. Num 33:50-56

7. Why was King Asa considered a righteous king?
8. Why was this unusual?
9. What factors might have prevented him from carrying out his plan?
10. How did the Lord reward him?
11. What effect might a righteous leader have on a marriage? On a family? On an organization?
12. Why is it so hard to obtain and maintain righteousness?

APPLICATION

- What "Asherah poles" would be your first target if you were "king for the day?"
- What altars or idols need to be removed from your own life?

*Praise our righteous God for imparting to us the righteousness of Christ, and for seeing us in Him as holy, **righteous** and blameless.*

Ephesians 1:3-4