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Why did Uzziah seek to burn incense in the temple - even though that was something only the priests could do?

In what way(s) can we as Christians be like King Uzziah?

What can we learn from King Uzziah?

TAKING IT HOME

7) As you look back on the sermon, your notes, and this week's study questions, is there anything you'd like to change in your relationship with Jesus?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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<u>Life Group Homework</u> For the week of January 9, 2022

WELCOME TO LIFE GROUPS!

This week we kick off our Winter Life Group Quarter. Your first meeting is designed to give you time to get acquainted, connect with each other, as well as time to discuss how to make your Life Group meetings great! The study questions have been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish all of this.

To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you build friendships and grow closer to the Lord!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) What is one of your favorite (or least favorite) things you did over the holidays?

2) What do you hope to accomplish during this quarter of Life Groups?

REVIEW

3) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 7, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

4) Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians because false teachers had told them they needed to keep the law in order to be saved. What is Paul's point in the following passage?

Galatians 3:2-3 - "[2] This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? [3] Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"

5) Later on, Paul says this to the Galatians:

Galatians 5:13-15 - "[13] For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14] For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15] But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!"

What does this passage tell us to do or not do?

 Read the following verses about King Uzziah, underlining anything that stands out to you or any questions you have.

2 Chronicles 26 - "[3] Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. [4] And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. [5] He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of

God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. ... [10] Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil. [11] Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. ... [15] And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.

What were some of Uzziah's accomplishments?

Why was Uzziah so successful?

[16] But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. [17] So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD--valiant men. [18] And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God." [19] Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the