

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Not So Fast” 2 Chronicles 20:1-23 Jan 7/8

Getting Started

What do you do, when you don't know what to do? You have looked within, you have looked around, and you have even looked up, and you feel your circumstances closing in on you, **how do you respond?**

Going Deeper

When you feel surrounded, secluded, sabotaged by the enemy concerning your family, your career, your health, your future, your relationships, or your success; God makes a way when there is no way. Today, recognize two specific realities:

- I. The Attack of the Adversary: (vs.1-2)
 - A. Surrounds you to create Fear:
 - B. Steals from you to cause Failure:
 - C. Slanders you to choose to Forfeit:

None of us like surprises, especially surprise attacks! Yet, that's what often seems to happen in life. A relationship suddenly fractures, our health takes a downturn, our place of employment has to downsize, or an unexpected expense drains our cash savings. All of a sudden, everything looks bleak and scary and we are tempted to be fearful, to see failure as our only option, and to forfeit our confident faith.

Share with us about a time you felt under attack. What did you do?

- II. The Advantage of the Almighty: (v. 3)

What Is Fasting? The process in which to eliminate clutter in the life of a Christian, by choosing to abstain from a daily dependency and redirect that value to God through worship, Scripture reading and prayer.

Have you ever undertaken a biblical fast? If so, what did you choose to give up in order to focus your attention on God?

Why Fast? *(Group leaders, I suggest you ask each person in the group to read one of these passages)*

- Out of Desperation: (2 Samuel 12: 16)
- Out of Dependency: (Deuteronomy 9:9)
- Out of Discernment: (Daniel 10:3- 13)
- Out of Deliverance: (Esther 4: 13-16)
- Out of Direction: (1 Kings 19:7-18)
- Out of Disaster: (Jonah 3)
- Out of Desire (Matthew 4:4)

If you were going to undertake a fast now, which of these reasons would you choose and why?

Prayed in Faith: (vs. 4-17)

- Confess His Power
- Count on His Provision
- Call for His Peace
- Claim His Promise

Re-read verse 13. Why do you think it is significant to do this with your family and/or a group of spiritual family?

Re-read verses 15-17. Why does God need to remind us that the battle is His to fight on our behalf? What do we too often try to do?

Praised in the Fight: **(Read vs. 18-22)**

- Full of Confidence & Courage

These verses show us that our hope is always in the Lord, who deserves our worship. Why do you think worship is emphasized so many times in these verses?

What might be the connection between worship and victory?

40 day Challenge:

As a community of faith, we believe that what God has called us to do in our city, in the nation, in the world requires an extreme commitment of sacrifice, so we are asking you to consider doing without something of value or dependence for the purpose of redirecting your attention to seek God and His presence in your life. CBC will be undertaking a 40 day fast very soon. Stay posted for details 😊

Prayer Requests

For our 40 day Time of Fasting to draw all CBC families closer to Jesus Christ so that we depend on Him as our Source and Life.

For our financial generosity to increase so we can be a blessing to CBC families, our community, and the world through our pledge to give 10% of all offering to missions and church planting.