

## STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 20

1. In 2 Kings 17, Israel is overrun by Assyria and its leaders taken into captivity. How is Judah able to avoid this Assyrian onslaught in 2 Kings 18-19? In your opinion, what is Judah's "saving grace?"
  
2. What does the high priest Hilkiah find in the house of the Lord (The Jerusalem Temple)? What is revelatory about its discovery? What was the purpose of Josiah's Reformation in 2 Kings 23? What was its impact on Judah?
  
3. What significant theological/social/political event is documented at the end of 2 Kings? How does it occur? How would you describe the state of the relationship between God and God's chosen people at this time in Israel's history? Why?
  
4. What is being "chronicled" in the opening chapters of the Book of 1 Chronicles? Why?
  
5. How do you envision Jesus when reading the Gospel of John? Is it different from how you envisioned Jesus in Matthew, Mark, and Luke? Why or why not?
  
6. Do you think the story of Jesus and the woman at the well in John 4 would have been shocking to a first century reader? Why or why not? Were you surprised or shocked by anything in the story? If so, what surprised you and why? If not, why not?
  
7. Jesus lays out a passionate defense for himself against the Jewish leaders who criticize him for healing on the Sabbath in John 5. What is Jesus trying to help his critics understand? What is blocking their understanding? Why?
  
8. What is the "bread of life?" Why does Jesus title himself as such in John 6:35?