

Sermon: *Fear and Hope in Times of Crisis*
Series: N/A

Scripture: 2 Chron. 20:1-19
Date: March 15, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

- a) What was Jehoshaphat afraid of? How is his situation similar to a situation you are currently facing? What fears are you facing today?
- b) Can your fear and faith co-exist? Pastor Mark said “If you are feeling powerless you are already experiencing the grace of God.” Do you agree with this?
- c) Read v.3-5. How did Jehoshaphat face his fears? In what ways are you facing your fears with God?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read Jehoshaphat’s prayer in verses 5-9. What character/promises of God does Jehoshaphat claim?
- b) How did God respond to Jehoshaphat?

3) What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Why is sin our greatest enemy/disease that we face today?
- b) How does this story picture the greater story of God’s salvation from sin?
- c) Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Jesus took our disease upon himself so that we might be inoculated. How does this great truth allow you to live in freedom from fear and in the freedom to love today?

APPLICATION

Judah worshiped God BEFORE he rescued them. Why were they able to do that? Why are we able to do that today too?

PRAYER

Praise God for his deliverance from your greatest problem – sin and spiritual death.

Confess your fears to God today.

Look to God in your fear – Pray: “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”