

The Story of God: The Bible as Narrative
Introduction – Josiah & The Lost Story
Community Life Group Questions

1. Read II Chron. 33. With the history that Josiah had, particularly with his Grandfather Manasseh who was pretty awful until the very end, and then watching his own father murdered after a 2 year reign when he was only 8, how might Josiah have been shaped? How does a guy with this kind of background turn out so impressive? What influences did he have in his life that made a difference? What can you determine about his father Amon that he was killed by his own servants?

2. Read II Chron. 34:1-7. What does it mean that Josiah, “walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn to the left or the right”? Did he not sin?

3. Read II Chron. 34:8-13. What can you gather about Jerusalem and specifically the Temple from these verses? Is this important? What does it say about where the hearts of the people are at?

4. Read II Chron. 34:14-21. How do you think they simply “lost the Torah”? And yet for 18 long years they were doing amazing stuff. Do you think they were “doing” some if not many things in the Law already? What proof do you have?

5. II Chron. 34:22-33. Back to Sunday’s big question...why does Josiah feel so bad, so bad that he even tears his clothes? Is it that he simply discovers a bunch of things he is not doing or is it something else? Why is his reaction SO impressive to God? Notice, there is nothing recorded about this kind of reaction from God for the first 18 years while Josiah is amazing and cleansing the whole country of idolatry on God’s behalf with the help of the Priests and Prophets.

6. Is there a chance this is relative to today’s church body? In what ways might you have seen this? Is it possible to either read or teach the Scriptures and “lose the Torah”?