

# LIFE GROUP LESSON

**Don't Forget to Remember • Week of August 20**

## Introduction

Children and students matter to God so we will provide excellence in children and student ministries. This is a core value at Christ Church. We want all our children and students to be successful. But how do we, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, define genuine success? God's definition of success and the world's definition may look very differently at times. Even as believers, we can easily get caught up in the surrounding culture and waver between what God desires and what the world promotes over our children; indeed, over each of us, regardless of age. God's call over our lives is greater than temporal desires for fame and fortune. And while nothing is inherently wrong with either 'fame' or wealth, it is vital to remember that God blesses us with resources, such as gifts, talents, intellect, leadership abilities, so that we will in turn bless others.

## Background

Thus, our greatest task is to instill within our children and students a spirit of humility and gratitude. God has no favorites; the Bible says: "For God shows no favoritism" (Romans 2:11); and "... all of you, serve each other in humility, for 'God opposes the proud but favors the humble'" (1 Peter 5:7). Humility (learning to humble ourselves) is on-going. At any moment God could remove His hand from us and test us. He did this with Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 32:31). If we don't learn to humble ourselves, God may allow us to be humbled in order to remind us that we didn't get to where we are by our own doing. In today's text, King Uzziah, king of Judah – who did many wonderful things for the people, honored God, built up the kingdom, sought the LORD – came to a point where pride got the best of him. He attempted to usurp the role of priest which cost him greatly; he was isolated from God and people for the remainder of his life.

## Read 2 Chronicles 26:3-21

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

2. What are you going to do about it?

3. How can we help you?

*"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found on one" (Ezekiel 23:3).*

## In Closing

How will you stand in the gap for this next generation? We must never scorn those who hold us accountable. The people who try to point us in the right direction, do so for the glory of God. Romans, chapter thirteen, is clear in that we are to submit to authority and teach our children and students to, as well. We can teach our children many things, but leaving out gratitude to God for all He has done – for what we have, and have accomplished – is a recipe for our own downfall. "If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). God doesn't want us to fall. The Lord doesn't want to *have to* humble us, but if we constantly live with an attitude of "I got this!... I don't need God" – even if we don't speak it audibly, yet we have that mindset (and in our heart) – it will eventually be revealed; and God will humble us.

Pray-

*God, help us to remember that seeking success alone is empty; but Lord, if we seek you first, you will lead us onto a path of real and lasting success. Help us speak truth in love in our own lives by taking off pride and darkness, and instead putting on gratitude. Let us be thankful for your sacrifice on the cross, your suffering for our freedom and your wounds which lead to our healing. We praise you, we thank you, we worship you. We lift up every child, student, teacher, parent and staff as we begin the school year. We pray for wisdom, honor and respect in every interaction and learning experience. Now empower us through the Holy Spirit as we stand in the gap for others. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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**Text:** II Chronicles 15:1-4, 26:4-5, Romans 13:1-14

## PLAIN TRUTH

Seeking \_\_\_\_\_ alone is empty,  
seeking God first leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God above all else including \_\_\_\_\_, fame and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ nothing to anyone except \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_—Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ so we can remove the garments of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and put on \_\_\_\_\_.

### One Year Bible Reading

August 20: Esther 8:1-10:3, 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13, Ps. 37:1-11, Prov. 21:23-24  
August 21: Job 1:1-3:26, 1 Corinthians 14:1-17, Psalm 37:12-29, Proverbs 21:25-26  
August 22: Job 4:1-7:21, 1 Corinthians 14:18-40, Psalm 37:30-40, Proverbs 21:27  
August 23: Job 8:1-11:20, 1 Corinthians 15:1-28, Psalm 38:1-22, Proverbs 21:28-29  
August 24: Job 12:1-15:35, 1 Corinthians 15:29-58, Psalm 39:1-13, Prov. 21:30-31  
August 25: Job 16:1-19:29, 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Psalm 40:1-10, Proverbs 22:1  
August 26: Job 20:1-22:30, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 22:2-4

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