

Discussion Questions for Small Group



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Instructions: Listen to the Shabbat audio reading together as a small group. Have your bibles with you and read along. After listening, go through the discussion questions below.

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Scripture Reading: (Saturday) Ki Tetze: Deut 25:1-19 Job 20:1-22:30 2 Cor 1:1-11 Psalm 40:11-17 Prov 22:2-4 and (Sunday) Ki Tavo: Deut 26:1-19 Job 23:1-27:23 2 Cor 1:12-2:11 Psalm 41:1-13 Prov 22:5-6

1. Read Deuteronomy 25:17-19. Why is the LORD commanding the children of Israel to do once they are settled peacefully in the land of Israel?

2. Let's better understand the historical context for WHY the LORD has rendered this judgment and WHY this conflict exists. Read Exodus 17:8-13. How did Moses and the people of Israel overcome Amalek in this battle?

3. Read Exodus 17:14-16. Why do you think that the LORD stated that there was going to be war with Amalek from generation to generation?

4. What does Amalek (and Esau) represent, spiritually? What did these two men (and the demonic strongholds associated to them) represent?

5. Amalek was the grandson of Esau. Recall that Esau HATED his brother Jacob. Esau was a hunter, a man of the field, carnal, ruled by his belly. Jacob was a “man of the tents”, a Hebrew idiom for someone who loves to study the Torah (bible). We see conflict and warfare going on between the descendants of Esau and the descendants of Jacob. In essence, this is spiritual warfare that goes on from one generation to the next. How do you see the conflict between the spiritual descendants of Esau and the spiritual descendants of Jacob manifesting today?

6. Read Deut 26: 16-17. What are the children of Israel being instructed to DO?

7. Read Deut 26:18-19. What makes us his “special people”? What sets us apart from all other people?

8. Read Job 21:7. Why do the wicked seem to prosper and the righteous suffer? This is the crux of what Job wants to know, what the conversation is about in the book of Job. Discuss this question in your group. What is God’s purpose in allowing us to suffer?

9. Read Job 27:2-6. Job’s friends who came to comfort him have had the opposite effect. Has that ever happened to you? You went through a great trial, a terrible loss, and then someone approaches and says something that makes things worse instead of better?

10. Read 2 Corinthians 1:4. What does Paul share here about why we go through suffering and how it is used for the glory of God?

11. Share a time in your life when you went through a trial, got through it victoriously with Yeshua at your side, and then how you were able to comfort/encourage another who was going through a similar trial.

12. Read 2 Corinthians 1:5. What does it mean to endure the “sufferings of Christ”?

13. Read 2 Corinthians 1:7. How is it that the “sufferings of Christ” are connected to the “consolation of Christ”? Can you think of a personal experience where that was so?

14. Read Mark 10:38-39. Yeshua is about to drink from the cup of suffering. What question does he ask his disciples?

15. If we are going to be the disciples/followers of Yeshua, we will go through suffering, even as He did. Read Mark 14:34-36. How did Yeshua handle the cup of suffering he was about to partake of?

16. Is there anyone in your group going through suffering right now? Pray for one another....