

ISRAEL TAKEN CAPTIVE

2 Kings 17
Unit 14, Lesson 3

WHAT WE LEARNED

Israel ignored God's prophets and was captured. When the Israelites disobeyed God again and again, God punished them by removing them from His presence. We disobey God, but Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. God's people had a history of disobeying Him and being forgiven by God - and then continuing to sin again. God had been very patient but knew His people would not love Him with all their hearts.**
 - Why were the people of Israel worshipping other things that were not God? Are we like that today? How?
 - Why did God allow the Assyrians to capture Israel? Did God give up on His people?
- 2. Israel's exile was God's judgment on their sin, but God was not finished working among His people. God was still working out His plan to keep His covenant promises. We too disobey God, but Jesus took God's judgment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus changes our hearts, brings us into God's presence, and keeps us there.**
 - How can God still be good when He disciplines His people? How does God punish our sin, and how does Jesus' death on the cross affect that?
 - Would it be loving for God to let His people continue to live in sin?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"The Lord is patient toward you, wishing that all should reach repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Confess, repent, and pray for forgiveness from God.

Thank Jesus that He took the punishment for our sin.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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