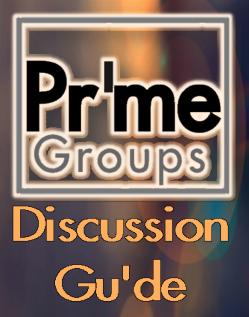
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The Point:

Cropped: God Will Fix America!
Completed: Israel's Promises Are Our Principles

The Repeats (required) Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

 Would you rather ONLY hear whatever is spoken <u>directly</u> to you OR hear what is spoken in a room, but NOTHING directly to you?

The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-16. In the Point, we discovered that these
 verses were about God speaking specifically to Israel. Consider v. 13
 and read the following passages that took place in Israel after 2 Chr 7.
 Discuss how these reinforce that this promise was specifically for Israel:
 - 1 Kings 17:1 [3+ years of drought b/c of disobedience]
 - Joel 1:2-4 [locusts sent b/c of disobedience]
 - Jeremiah 21:1-7 [plague sent b/c of disobedience]
- Read 2 Tim 3:16-17. <u>All</u> of the Bible is from God and <u>is useful</u>, so it is important to determine *how* we are supposed to apply what we read: is it a promise or a principle? In the Point we looked at 4 "tests":
 - Who is It Regarding? Christ-followers or someone else?
 - Read Acts 2:42-47
 - When is It Repeated? Is it <u>quoted</u> elsewhere to Christ-followers?
 - Read Isaiah 52:11-12 & 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
 - Where is It Reinforced? Is the same concept shared elsewhere?
 - Read Joshua 1:9 & Matthew 28:19-20
 - Is It Reputation? God's character never changes
 - Read Hebrews 13:8
- Read the following passages, then determine which "test" it is:
 - Nehemiah 9:17 [Reputation]; Exodus 20:14 & Matthew 5:27-28 [Repeated]; James 2:1 [Regarding]; Jeremiah 1:4-5 & Ephesians 1:4 [Reinforced]
- Close by praying to not just know the Bible, but do it!

The References

Main Passage: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...<u>if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land</u>...

1 Kings 17:1 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."As surely as the lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!"

Joel 1:2-4 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts, and then the stripping locusts, too!...

Jeremiah 21:1-7 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...I myself will fight against you with a strong hand and a powerful arm, for I am very angry. You have made me furious! I will send a terrible plague upon this city, and both people and animals will die...

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

All Scripture is inspired by God and is <u>useful</u> to teach us...

Nehemiah 9:17* read full passage in Bible

Exodus 20:14 & Matthew 5:27-28*read full passage in Bible

James 2:1*read full passage in Bible

Jeremiah 1:4-5 & Ephesians 1:4*read full passage in Bible