

"3 CONQUERORS"
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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 (REQUIRED)

Since this series is unique, PLEASE review each week with your group!

- •Review the main points from the *Word! 3* series so far, and give a brief explanation of each:*
 - 6. Kings
 - Saul 40
 - David 40
 - Solomon 40
 - Divided 400
 - Prophets

- 7. Captivity
- Assyria Assimilates: Israel
- Babylon Brings: Judah
- Persia Permits: Judah...

• Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).*

*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

• What one thing have you learned or discovered that is new to you from the *Word! 3* series?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

Since this series is unique, we're going to pick a few "point in time" verses to examine and discuss from the lives of the kings and prophets.

Jonah:

- Read Jonah 3:3-10. After the "fish incident", Jonah took God's message to Ninevah (the capital of Assyria). What happened?
- Read Jonah 4:1-4. What was Jonah's attitude? Have <u>you</u> ever been angry when an "enemy" turns to God? What do we need to remember about God's mercy in <u>our own</u> lives?

Isaiah:

- In the midst of Isaiah's message of warning to Judah, he shares hope. Read Isaiah 53:1-12. This passage is God's promise of the "Anointed One" (Hebrew: Messiah; Greek: Christ), who would come to rescue the world. Going verse by verse, discuss how each applies to Jesus.
- When you consider God's character, what makes this passage so powerful in the middle of a warning of coming judgment for Judah?

Jeremiah:

- Jeremiah has been called "The Weeping Prophet" because his message was punishment for Judah's disobedience (and people didn't like hearing that!). Read Jeremiah 4:19-20 & 20:7-18. How did Jeremiah feel about sharing this message of judgment to Judah?
- What do verses 20:9 & 11 confirm about obeying God, even when it's hard and we don't <u>feel</u> like it? What was Jeremiah's hope?

The References

Main Passage: 1 Kings 9:6-9a (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...if you or your descendants abandon me and disobey the commands and decrees I have given you, and if you serve and worship other gods, then I will uproot Israel from this land that I have given them....

Jonah 3:3-10*too long to print, read passage in Bible

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

....The Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?"

Isaiah 53:1-12*too long to print, read passage in Bible

Jeremiah 4:19-20 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent...

Jeremiah 20:7-18 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...But if I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!...

...But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior. Before him my persecutors will stumble. They cannot defeat me. They will fail and be thoroughly humiliated...

