



Connect Group study

Relying on God

A famous Proverb tells us “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5). This study investigates what it means to rely on God, specifically learning from the life of King Asa.

At one time in Christian circles, wristbands with abbreviations such as F.R.O.G. were common. It stood for “Fully Rely On God” and was supposed to act as a reminder for the believer. What do you think it means to “Fully rely on God”?

Read 2 Chronicles 14:1-12

Reflect

Q1. This passage give us a glimpse into the life of Asa, one of Judah’s kings early in his reign. What picture does this paint of his reliance on God? Verse 11 is particularly revealing.

Q2. According to verses 6 and 7, what was the outcome of Asa honouring and trusting in God?

Q3. Chapters 15 and 16 describe the remainder of Asa’s life. In chapter 16, things take a turn for the worse. Read 2 Chronicles 16:1-13 – how does this contrast with what we read in chapter 14?

Q4. What went wrong according to verses 7-8?

Q5. What encouragement does verse 9 give us and how should we respond?

Respond

Q6. As we’ve discovered, sometimes as we journey through life we can find ourselves trusting God and relying on him at the outset, but regressing to relying on other things later in life – our money, our wisdom, other people or things. How do you think this shift happens?

Q7. How can we guard against this happening in our lives?

Pray for one another that you would rely on God above all else.

Key verse(s)

For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His... (2 Chronicles 16:9 NASB)