**The Destruction of Israel and Judah**

**Discussion Questions**

 These Questions focus on the lesson; it may help to reread the passage in its entirety. This section enables you to fully understand what is happening and what God I telling us through the accounts given.

1. What did you think about God’s punishment of Israel and Judah? Did they deserve it? Why or why not?
2. What’s your response when faced with the truth that we all deserve death and eternal separation from God because of our rebellion from Him? Do you think that’s overboard?
3. Now, what’s your response to the truth that Jesus offers salvation from that punishment? Don’t just give the right “church answer.” How do you respond to that truth? What’s your reaction?

**Reflection Question**

This section helps you reflect on what is going on in your life and the world around you. Take your time and spend time thinking through each of these questions. We will not go over these together; this section is between you and God.

1. From today’s lesson, we understand that God sent many prophets to warn King Zedekiah that he was moving toward judgment. In the end we learn that Zedekiah did not listen and death and destruction came as a result of disobedience. In what area of your life do you tend to take your own way that you could receive warning signs? Maybe you plan on getting things right later but want to do as you wish now?
2. Get real about obedience to God. Us the space below to write out a prayer to apologize for warnings signs you may have ignored. Ask for wisdom and strength to turn away from anything that would come between you and God.

**Application Questions**

 The goal of studying the Bible is to learn how to live more like Christ; if we never take what we learn in God’s word and put it into practice, then we are just wasting our time. This section helps you begin the process of figuring out how God’s word is going to change your life. How is this week’s lesson going to change what you do this week moving forward?

1. What are some ways you can do what is pleasing in God’s sight in your various roles in life?
2. What will you do this week to be aware of God’s purposes in your life and those things which please him?