



THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series

Journey Group Lesson “The Kingdoms’ Fall” – May 12, 2013

Getting Started

Have you ever seen a movie or read a book in which you thought you knew how it would end, and then it ended differently? What movie or book was it?

Digging Deeper

Read Jeremiah 1:4-8

As with many of the people God calls, Jeremiah had his list of excuses. What excuses do we use to try to get out of following God?

When God called Jeremiah to serve him, he assured him that his plan had been in place since Jeremiah was in his mother’s womb. In the New Testament we learn that God has a plan for each of us who follow him. How does it make you feel that God has a plan for your life?

Read Ezekiel 36:8-12

In one of the most hopeless times in biblical history, the prophet Ezekiel pointed ahead to a future time when the story’s ending will be rewritten. How do Ezekiel’s words bring hope when it feels as if the story is over?

Bringing It Home

Randy said during the lesson, “For hundreds of years God waited patiently, warned his people, and gave them chance after chance.” Why was God so patient with the people of Israel when they were so rebellious and sinful?

How can God’s discipline of his children be the best gift he can give us?

Respond to this statement: “In God’s employment contract he does not ask us to be successful (by the world’s standards) but faithful. Success is based on faithfulness to God...not the results!” What do you think about this statement? Agree or Disagree? What does it mean to be faithful?

Thank God that he is the One who can bring hope, even in the times when it feels like there is no remedy.