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2 Kings 22:1-11

22 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

³ In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the Lord. He said: ⁴ "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the Lord, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. ⁵ Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the Lord— ⁶ the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. ⁷ But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings."

⁸ Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. ⁹ Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." ¹⁰ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

¹¹ When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.



Questions for Discussion

1. Are you someone who holds onto old things or likes getting the new things? Have you always been that way? Why do you think that is?
2. Has there been a time in your life when you spent more time reading the Bible than you do now? What do you remember most about that time?
3. In today's scripture reading, King Josiah tore his robes when he heard the Book of the Law read. Can you think of a time when reading the Bible caused a strong emotional reaction in your life? What was that experience like?
4. Who is someone you could invite to read a Gospel with in the coming month? What would be your first step toward asking them to read with you?
5. What is a "next step" you can take toward reading the Bible more often? Consider choosing one person in your small group who can help keep you accountable to this "next step" this week.

As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a next step that God is asking them to take this week and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.