



Sermon Discussion Guide

Joy Grows When Sin is Removed

Series: Rediscovering Joy

Main Text: 2 Kings 23

Introduction

This guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

Icebreaker Options

1. What's something in your house, garage, closet, or office that you finally got rid of and immediately wondered, "Why didn't I do that sooner?"
2. Have you ever replaced a bad habit with a healthier one? What made the biggest difference?

Leader's Note

Most people don't intentionally drift into unhealthy patterns—they develop gradually over time. Josiah's example reminds us that spiritual renewal often begins when we honestly confront what needs to change and invite God to help us move forward.

1. We Have to Identify Our Sin

Key Scripture

2 Kings 23:4-7

Discuss

- Why do you think it's often easier to acknowledge sin in general than to identify specific areas in our own lives?
- What are some practical ways God's Word helps us recognize areas where we need to grow?

Leader's Note

Josiah didn't remove vague problems—he identified specific idols and addressed them directly. Growth begins when we honestly allow God to reveal what needs attention in our lives.

2. We Have to Take Action

Key Scripture

Matthew 5:29-30

Discuss

- Why do people often recognize a problem but delay taking action to address it?
- Is there a practical boundary, habit change, or step of obedience that God may be prompting you to take?

Leader's Note

Josiah didn't negotiate with sin; he removed it. While our circumstances differ, the principle remains the same: meaningful change often requires decisive action.

3. We Have to Replace Sin

Key Scripture

2 Kings 23:21-23

Discuss

- Why is removing a harmful habit often not enough by itself?
- What healthy habits help you stay connected to God during difficult seasons?
- How can replacing sinful patterns with worship, Scripture, prayer, or service lead to lasting change?

Leader's Note

Empty spaces rarely stay empty. Josiah replaced idolatry with worship, reminding us that spiritual growth involves both removing unhealthy influences and cultivating godly ones.

4. We Have to Find Community

Key Scripture

2 Kings 23:1-2

Discuss

- Why is it difficult to invite others into our life?
- How has community encouraged or strengthened your faith journey?
- In your life, how can you pursue greater accountability, encouragement, or connection with other believers?

Leader's Note

God never intended us to fight spiritual battles alone. Community provides encouragement, accountability, wisdom, and support as we pursue Christ together.

Closing Prayer

Spend time thanking God for His grace and His willingness to transform our lives. Ask Him to reveal anything that needs to be surrendered, to give courage for obedience, and to surround each

person with encouraging Christian community. Pray for the needs shared by the group and for God's continued work of renewal in every heart.