

***Entering In:***

*Has there been an influential person in your life, like a mentor,  
who has helped you to be obedient to the Lord?  
How did he/she do that?*

1. What seems to be the focus of the Chronicler in his recounting of Judah's history?

- 14:2, 15:19
- 16:2, 9, 12
- 17:3, 4
- 20:30

What lesson does the Chronicler want the reconstituted Israel to learn from history?

Why does the faithfulness of the people to the covenant seem to depend on the faithfulness of the king to the covenant?

It has been said that the Presbyterian form of church government is only as good as the elders are. What do you think the primary focus of our elders should be if we are going to remain faithful to the Lord?

2. There were several "reformations" during the history of Judah. Use the texts provided to list them.

- 15:1, 8, 12
- 29:1-10; 30:5, 26
- 34:8, 15, 19, 29-30; 35:18

One of the slogans that came from the reformation of the Roman Church is "*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformande!*" (the Church reformed, is always reforming) How does the history of Judah affirm the truth of this slogan?

Is the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in need of reformation? What needs to be reformed in the present day Church?

3. The Chronicler includes many details about the kind of worship that is acceptable to the Lord in these accounts.

A. Where are the worshipers required to assemble? (2C 3:1, 5:13c, 6:1,2; 29:27,28; 30:13)

Where did the people assemble for worship in Jesus' day? (Luke 4:44, 13:10)

While we gather for worship at a designated place in our community, where are we joined in worship by the whole Church? (Hebrews 12:22-24)

B. Who was appointed to lead worship? (13:10, 11)

Who was not supposed to lead worship? Why not? (13:4, 9; 26:16-20)

Who has God appointed to lead worship in the Church? Cite at least one Scripture that supports your answer(s).

Who is *not* to lead worship in the Church? Cite at least one Scripture that supports your answer(s).

C. What kinds of activities are prescribed for acceptable worship?

- 7:1, 4, 5
- 5:12, 13; 29:27, 30
- 6:12ff
- 24:8-10; 29:31ff; 31:5ff; 31:14
- 34:14, 30
- 6:3; 30:27

In Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple (6:14ff), how would you describe the content of the following sections of his prayer

- v.14-17
- v.15-21
- v.27-42

What should result from the faithful preaching of the Word? (34:19ff; 31)

What is the evidence that repentance has occurred? (34:3ff, 33)

How often is this how you respond to the preaching of God's Word? What are the two possible reasons for this?

What is something specific that you can pray so that you will be convicted in your heart when you hear God's Word preached?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray for the bold and powerful preaching of God's Word to be effective in reforming individuals, congregations, and denominations around the world.*

