

## SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **August 25, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage (2 Chronicles 36) together out loud.

### Small Group Questions (2 Chronicles 36)

1. God has the ability to provide punishment/correction (2 Sam 7:13-14) while simultaneously keeping his promises. Where have you experienced punishment/correction in your life?
2. Before God sends judgment, he always sends warning signs. Turmoil, lack of funds and even breaking relationships can be a warning sign that something needs to change. Sometimes God sends people into our lives who say, "Something seems wrong here." What warning signs are you currently experiencing? What needs to change? (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)
3. Many times punishment/correction leaves us losing things that we never thought we could lose, or we never thought God would take away. We find ourselves in the "ashes," stripped of the props. How can those ashes be gracious and edifying? (2 Chronicles 36:17-19)
4. When we sit "in the ashes," one of the greatest glimmers of light can be the obedience of other believers. How has your life been strongly filled with hope ("an internal conviction that God is not through working yet") through the obedience of other believers?
5. Before God sends the punishment, he reminds us that it is for our good, and he will deliver us. Jeremiah told the remnant that God was working to "prosper you and give you hope" (Jeremiah 29:10-14). What has God promised you about your future that brings you hope in the midst of the ashes?