

**4 August 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**"Reform and Recompense" – 2 Kings 23:1-30**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ wanted everyone to hear the Bible in their own \_\_\_\_\_, and they wanted as many people as possible to be able to read it for themselves.
2. "I defy the pope and all his laws. If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a \_\_\_\_\_ that drive with the plow to know more of the \_\_\_\_\_ than thou dost!" (William Tyndale)
3. Josiah was serious about \_\_\_\_\_. Sin must be put to death.
4. The goal of Josiah's \_\_\_\_\_ can be seen in 2 Kings \_\_\_\_\_. "Establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord."
5. They were in the right \_\_\_\_\_, they said the right \_\_\_\_\_, but they were not right. The reform was necessary, but it was not enough.
6. Josiah's reform was like a \_\_\_\_\_; Jeremiah's concern was with a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The death of Josiah was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah's reformation. His death was a \_\_\_\_\_ of what was to come for Judah.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ will burn away our unholy desires, and then scatter the ashes far and wide.

For reference: 12-Step Reformation of Judah:

1. Removing pagan vessels from the temple (v. 4).
2. Deposing pagan clergy (v. 5).
3. Pulverizing the Asherah image (v. 6).
4. Wrecking the male prostitutes' temple apartments (v. 7).
5. Defiling Judah's high places, deposing their priests (vv. 8-9).
6. Desecrating Tophet, the place of child sacrifice (v. 10).
7. Removing and destroying sun worship paraphernalia (v. 11).
8. Smashing royal idolatrous altars (v. 12).
9. Eliminating Solomon's folly (v. 13).
10. Destroying the props of fertility worship (v. 14).
11. Pulling down/defiling Jeroboam's Bethel worship center (vv. 15-16).
12. Instituting a purge throughout the northern cities (vv. 19-20).

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, p. 328)