



THIS WEEK YOU'LL NEED

- A COPY OF THIS LEADER GUIDE
- THIS WEEK'S LESSON ON PAGES 46-47 OF *COLLEGIATE'S* WINTER ISSUE
- THE SONG "LONGING" BY RUNAWAY CITY FROM THE ALBUM *AMORED HEART*
- SEVERAL COPIES OF THE "GETTING STARTED" SURVEY ACTIVITY

NEED TO KNOWS

LESSON OVERVIEW

This lesson is about Jehu's zealous purge of all things connected with Ahab's reign in Israel. The emphasis is on recognizing the dangers of zeal apart from spiritual faithfulness. The lesson encourages college students to always match their passion for the Lord with faithfulness to His ways.

FOCAL PASSAGES

2 KINGS 9:16,21B-22; 10:15-19,30-32

CRIMES OF PASSION

GETTING STARTED

Have the song "Longing" by Runaway City playing in the background as students arrive.

Give each student a pen and a handout containing the following questions:

- How would you define the word "passion"? Does it have a positive or negative connotation?
- Rank the following items from greatest to least in terms of the passion you feel about each. (#1-12)

_____ Family
 _____ Romantic Relationship
 _____ School
 _____ Job
 _____ Future
 _____ Wealth
 _____ Relationship with God
 _____ Material Possessions
 _____ Personal Satisfaction
 _____ Friends
 _____ Position
 _____ Other (fill in: _____)

- Go back and rank the above items in terms of where you think your passion level *should* be for each.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Have someone read the introduction to the session on page 46 of *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue.

Most of us find ourselves in the midst of a fast-paced life. We have so much information available at the touch of a button. We drive-through to get our food, lattes, and prescriptions in minutes. Many times, we're overcommitted to a host of activities.

The challenges of school, home, work, and friendships drive us from one place to another trying to cover all the bases. If we're not careful, we may lose sight of the real passions in our lives and give too much attention to the things that scream the loudest.

1) CHOOSE A SIDE

READ 2 KINGS 9:16,21B-22.

¹⁶ Jehu got into his chariot and went to Jezreel since Joram was laid up there and Ahaziah king of Judah had gone down to visit Joram.

^{21b} Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah set out, each in his own chariot, and met Jehu at the plot of land of Naboth the Jezreelite. ²² When Joram saw Jehu he asked, "Do you come in peace, Jehu?" He answered, "What peace can there be as long as there is so much prostitution and witchcraft from your mother Jezebel?"

Have someone read "Choose a Side" on page 46 of *Collegiate*.

- What are the real driving passions in your life? What do you give the most time to?
- What things do you frequently talk about with excitement or passion?
- Are your passions under godly guidance, or do they pull you away from God?

Life can sometimes become the tyranny of the urgent, meaning we give the most time and energy to the areas

that demand our attention, not necessarily to the things which are our God-given passions.

- Identify activities in your life that take your time and focus, but only function as an escape from the daily frustrations and demands of life.
- Is your time with God a time of refueling your passion for Him, or is it merely one more thing to check off from your "to do" list?
- Name the passions in your life that need to be eliminated from their place as top priority.
- Identify activities that drain you of your passion for God that can be eliminated from your life altogether.

2) A FRIEND IN THE DESERT

READ 2 KINGS 10:15-17.

¹⁵ When he left there, he found Jehonadab son of Rechab coming to meet him. He greeted him and then asked, "Is your heart one with mine?" "It is," Jehonadab replied. Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand." So he gave him his hand, and Jehu pulled him up into the chariot with him. ¹⁶ Then he said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD!" So he let him ride with him in his chariot. ¹⁷ When Jehu came to Samaria, he struck down all who remained from the house of Ahab in Samaria until he had annihilated his house, according to the word of the LORD spoken to Elijah.

Have someone read "A Friend in the Desert" on page 46 of *Collegiate*.

- Do you have someone in your life who keeps you accountable for your choices, actions, and priorities?
- Have you become vulnerable enough to share with that person the areas of "escape" that trip you up as you strive to grow in your relationship with Christ? (TV, addictions, and gossip are just a few.) If not, make an effort to confide in someone you trust with these challenges.

- Do you share the passions and goals of your life with someone you trust, asking God to create a fire in you for the things He's calling you to pursue? This kind of transparency (along with prayer) will help change your passions to be in line with God's desires for you.

3) SITUATIONAL ETHICS

READ 2 KINGS 10:18-19.

¹⁸ Then Jehu brought all the people together and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will serve him a lot. ¹⁹ Now, therefore, summon to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. None must be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever is missing will not live." However, Jehu was acting deceptively in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

Have someone read "Situational Ethics" on pages 46-47 of *Collegiate*.

- In what areas do you feel college students are most likely to compromise their ethics?
- Discuss the impact you think it has on college students' lives when they compromise their ethics, thinking that no one will ever know. Does it cause harm even if no one else knows?

4) THE RESULTS OF STRONG PASSION AND WEAK CHARACTER

READ 2 KINGS 10:30-32.

³⁰ Nevertheless, the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in carrying out what is right in My sight and have done to the house of Ahab all that was in My heart, four generations of your sons will sit on the throne of Israel." ³¹ Yet, Jehu was not careful to follow with all his heart the law of the LORD God of Israel. He did not turn from the sins

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- THIS WEEK'S LESSON ON PAGES 48-49 OF *COLLEGIATE'S* WINTER ISSUE
- THE SONG "LET THIS BE THE DAY" BY JOSH FOX FROM THE ALBUM *RADIANT*
- SLIPS OF PAPER AND PENCILS FOR THE "GETTING STARTED" ACTIVITY
- IF YOU CHOOSE TO HAVE A WORSHIP TIME IN THE OPTION 2 "APPLY TO LIFE" ACTIVITY, ENLIST A MUSICIAN TO HELP WITH THE MUSIC.

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LESSON OVERVIEW

This lesson is about the Northern Kingdom's fall to Assyria, including a prophetic explanation of that disaster. The emphasis is on heeding God's warnings about the consequences of disobedience. The lesson encourages college students to repent without delay of any disobedient attitudes and actions.

FOCAL PASSAGES

2 KINGS 17:5-9,13-15,18-20



THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY

GETTING STARTED

Have the song "Let This Be the Day" by Josh Fox playing in the background as students arrive.

Give each student a slip of paper and pencil to write down an answer to the following question:

- What's the most frustrating thing about your life?

After you've collected all their responses, read each answer and ask the students what they think contribute to these frustrating things in life.

DIG DEEPER

Refer to "Dig Deeper" on page 48 in *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue for a thought-provoking quote and a suggested video clip that relates to the lesson topic.

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- A COPY OF THIS LEADER GUIDE
- THIS WEEK'S LESSON ON PAGES 50-51 OF *COLLEGIATE'S* WINTER ISSUE
- THE SONG "THERE IS A WAY" BY NEWWORLDSON FROM THE ALBUM *NEWWORLDSON*
- SLIPS OF PAPER AND PENCILS FOR THE "GETTING STARTED" ACTIVITY
- IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO THE OPTION 2 "APPLY TO LIFE" ACTIVITY, PROVIDE ENOUGH COPIES OF THE SUGGESTED PRAYERS.

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LESSON OVERVIEW

This lesson is about Sennacherib's invasion of Judah, including his threats against King Hezekiah and the citizens of Jerusalem. The emphasis is on the Lord's saving power as the basis for hope. The lesson encourages college students to rely on the Lord's saving power even in seemingly hopeless situations.

FOCAL PASSAGES

2 KINGS 18:28-32; 19:5-7,15-19



OVERCOMING THE FEAR FACTOR

GETTING STARTED

Have the song "There Is a Way" by Newworldson playing in the background as students arrive.

Invite students to take a slip of paper and write three or four sentences of an experience they had that begins with the phrase, "I thought all hope was lost ..."

After everyone finishes, ask them to hand them back to you. Read each one and ask the group to guess whose story you were reading.

DIG DEEPER

Refer to "Dig Deeper" on page 50 in *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue for a thought-provoking quote, and eye-opening statistic, correlating Scripture passages, and a recommended book that relates to the lesson topic.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Have someone read the introduction to the session on page 50 in *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue.

We often run into stretches of time where hope is hard to find. Whether it's a failure, a shattered relationship, or a discarded proposal, what we do during hopeless times are even more important than what we do when things are going well.

- Share a time in your life when you lost hope. (Try to choose a time that doesn't have a happy ending, a pretty bow, or a moral.)

1) DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

READ 2 KINGS 18:28-32.

²⁸ The Rabshakeh stood and called out loudly in Hebrew. Then he spoke: "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. ²⁹ This is what the king says: 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; he can't deliver you from my hand. ³⁰ Don't let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD by saying: Certainly the LORD will deliver us! This city will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.' ³¹ "Don't listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: 'Make peace with me and surrender to me. Then every one of you may eat from his own vine and his own fig tree, and every one may drink water from his own cistern ³² until I come and take you away to a land like your own land—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey—so that you may live and not die. But don't listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying: The LORD will deliver us.

Have someone read "Do You Really Believe?" on page 50 of *Collegiate*.

- What "voices" get your attention these days?
- What causes you to doubt God?
- When are you most confused about truth?

2) BROTHERS OR FOOLS?

READ 2 KINGS 19:5-7.

⁵ So the servants of King Hezekiah went to Isaiah, ⁶ who said to them, "Tell your master this, 'The LORD says: Don't be afraid because of the words you have heard, that the king of Assyria's attendants have blasphemed Me with. ⁷ I am about to put a spirit in him, and he will hear a rumor and return to his own land where I will cause him to fall by the sword.

Have someone read "Brothers or Fools?" on pages 50-51 of *Collegiate*.

- Do you have a friend whom you can count on when things get difficult and life hands you a set of challenging circumstances? How has he or she helped you in the past as you walked through a rough time?
- Who are you encouraging this week to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word?

3) A PRAYER WITH TEETH

READ 2 KINGS 19:15-19.

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD: "LORD God of Israel who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are God—You alone—of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth. ¹⁶ Listen closely, LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, LORD, and see; hear the words that Sennacherib has sent to mock the living God. ¹⁷ LORD, it is true that the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands. ¹⁸ They have thrown their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but made by human hands—wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. ¹⁹ Now, LORD our God, please save us from his hand so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God—You alone."

Have someone read "A Prayer With Teeth" on page 51 of *Collegiate*.

Many times our prayers seem powerless. But God challenges us to call Him to do what He promises. He watches for us to take Him at His Word. He's much bigger than our prayers, but we should never think of our prayers as a way to order Him around to get what we want.

However, He's ready to stand by His Word and move upon the landscape of our personal desperation. His greatest blessing to us is His constant presence in prayer.

- What big things are you trusting God with?
- Are you easily discouraged when prayers aren't answered in your time frame?
- Do you need God to be as big as He was to Isaiah and Hezekiah?

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- THIS WEEK'S LESSON ON PAGES 52-53 OF *COLLEGIATE'S* WINTER ISSUE
- THE SONG "HOLD ONTO JESUS" BY AUSTINS BRIDGE FROM THE ALBUM *TIMES LIKE THESE*
- SLIPS OF PAPER AND PENCILS FOR THE "GETTING STARTED" ACTIVITY

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LESSON OVERVIEW

This lesson is about the surrender and eventual destruction of Jerusalem, the deportation of its people to Babylon, and King Jehoiachin's subsequent release from prison. The emphasis is on the certainty of the Lord's working out His redemptive plan. The lesson encourages college students to live patiently and confidently as the Lord works out His plan for His people in the course of human events.

FOCAL PASSAGES

2 KINGS 24:12-13,19-20; 25:8-11,27-30



THE BIBLE'S BIGGEST LOSERS

GETTING STARTED

Have the song "Hold Onto Jesus" by Austins Bridge playing in the background as students arrive.

Give each student the following challenge on a sheet of paper:

- What one event in your life could've been changed with three inches?
- What event or situation could've been lost to you in a matter of two or three days?

DIG DEEPER

Refer to "Dig Deeper" on page 52 in *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue for a thought-provoking quote, a recommended book, and a word study that relates to the lesson topic.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Have someone read the introduction to the session on page 52 of *Collegiate's* Winter 2010/11 issue.

Life and death are often measured in days, months, and hours. Similarly, life and death can also be a game of inches. Fame and fortune play random roles in the game. But one thing that isn't random is God's plan for our lives. Our job is to stay focused and discover it. Along the way, we learn that set-backs are often set-ups for something greater. This is how it was toward the end of Second Kings.

1) GOODBYE TO THE GOLD

READ 2 KINGS 24:12-13.

¹² Jehoiachin king of Judah, along with his mother, his servants, his commanders, and his officials, surrendered to the king of Babylon. So the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. ¹³ He also carried off from there all the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king's palace, and he cut into pieces all the gold articles that Solomon king of Israel had made for the LORD's sanctuary, just as God had predicted.

Have someone read "Goodbye to Gold" on page 52 of *Collegiate*.

- What's the greatest financial loss you've experienced over the past few years?
- How much does it hurt to see money disappear?
- How do you recover from disappointment?
- How has God used the "process of distraction" in your life?

2) GOODBYE TO GOD

READ 2 KINGS 24:19-20.

¹⁹ Zedekiah did what was evil in the LORD's sight just as Jehoiakim had done. ²⁰ Because of the LORD's anger, it came to the point in Jerusalem and Judah that He finally banished them from His presence. Then, Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Have someone read "Goodbye to God" on page 52 of *Collegiate*.

- When have you felt abandoned by God because of lost hopes, dreams, or loneliness?
- Do you think God ever really leaves us? Or is He just silent?
- What do you think angers God today?

3) GOODBYE TO GROUND

READ 2 KINGS 25:8-11.

⁸ On the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the guards, a servant of the king of Babylon, entered Jerusalem. ⁹ He burned the LORD's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; he burned down all the great houses. ¹⁰ The whole Chaldean army with the commander of the guards tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem. ¹¹ Nebuzaradan, the commander of the guards, deported the rest of the people who were left in the city, the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the population.

Have someone read "Goodbye to Ground" on page 52 of *Collegiate*.

- Of where you've lived, which was your favorite?
- What do you miss about that place?
- What does the phrase "We're not in Kansas anymore" mean?

ALSO READ PSALM 137:1-3.

- Has life ever seemed like a cruel tale?

4) HELLO TO HOPE

READ 2 KINGS 25:27-30.

²⁷ On the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Judah's King Jehoiachin, Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year he became king, pardoned King Jehoiachin of Judah and released him from prison. ²⁸ He spoke kindly to him and set his throne over the thrones of the kings who were with him in Babylon. ²⁹ So Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and he dined regularly in the presence of the king of Babylon for the rest of his life. ³⁰ As for his allowance, a regular allowance was given to him by the king, a portion for each day, for the rest of his life.

Have someone read "Hello to Hope" on pages 52-53 of *Collegiate*.

This passage reminds us of the grace God gives us.

- Can you recall a time when God gave you small graces in bad times?

ALSO READ PSALM 23:5, LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24, AND ROMANS 5:8.

Take a moment to reflect upon these passages and their significance to your lives.

