

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

2 Chronicles 36:11-21

Session Summary

Zedekiah was a prideful ruler, who refused to listen to God's prophet. Jeremiah counseled Zedekiah to surrender to King Nebuchadnezzar in hopes of saving the city and the people. Instead, Zedekiah believed that he knew better and allowed Jeremiah to be arrested and imprisoned. Zedekiah thought he knew best, and as a result, he failed to grasp his dependency on the Lord's counsel. Due to the hardheartedness of the people and their leaders, as well as their continual rejection of God's Word, God displayed His justice and wrath because of the people's sins. But yet even in this display of justice, we see how God preserved a remnant of people who would carry the hope of His promise of a future Messiah.

Conversation Questions

- Why does rebellion against God come so naturally to us sometimes?
- Have there been times when our family intentionally or unintentionally rejected God's Word?
- Who have we seen God forgive and restore after a season of rebellion? How has He forgiven us of our rebellion?
- How can we encourage one another to repent when we find ourselves rebelling against God?

Family Challenge

Spend some time after dinner having some fun as a family! Begin an arm wrestling contest and see who comes out as the winner. Afterwards, talk about the comparison between arm wrestling and rebelling against God. Rebellion involves going our own way instead of God's way, but that only leads to unnecessary tension in our relationship with Him. The truth of the matter is that no matter how much we try to do things our own way and out of our own strength, God's way always wins because He has the ultimate authority of our lives.