

Children's House Church - Bible Study (Week 1/21 ~ 27)

Title: God changes what is hopeless to hope-full

Bible Story: Zechariah gave hope

Bible Passage: Zechariah 8:7-9, 13:9

Today's Bible Study Time

1. Read the summary story and Bible passage together.
 2. Share the discussion questions and pray for one another.
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[Bible Passage]

Zechariah 8:7-9

7 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west.

8 I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

9 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Now hear these words, 'Let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built.' This is also what the prophets said who were present when the foundation was laid for the house of the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 13:9

9 This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' "

[Summary Story]

The exile was over. God's people were home! A group had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild God's temple. They started the work, but their neighbors didn't want them to rebuild the temple, so they stopped.

God sent prophets to encourage His people to finish the temple and give them a message. One of those prophets was named Zechariah. God told Zechariah what would happen in the future, and then Zechariah told the people what God said.

Zechariah gave a message of hope. Zechariah said: “A day is coming when the Lord will remove every idol from this land. No one will remember them or worship them.” God was going to set up a new kingdom over the nations.

Zechariah said God would give His people a new king—like a shepherd caring for a flock of sheep. There will be troubles, but God will be doing something good,” Zechariah explained. In this new kingdom, God will judge and punish all evil. Zechariah said, “The people will call out to God, and He will answer them.

He will say, ‘You are My people,’ and they will answer, ‘The LORD is our God.’” The new kingdom will have a new city—a New Jerusalem—that brings all the nations together and heals all of creation.

[Discussion Questions]

Q1. What does this story teach me about God?

Q2. How did Zechariah’s message give God’s people hope?

Q3. How have trials or hard times caused you to trust God more?

[Christ Connection]

Zechariah spoke a message of hope to God’s people. God would one day set up a new and better kingdom with a new and better King. God kept His promise by sending Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can have hope and forgiveness of sins by trusting in Him.