

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in the sermon and why?
2. In what ways did Judah show no regard for the promises that God made to his great-grandfather (Abraham), grandfather (Isaac), and father (Jacob)?
3. What was the purpose of levirate marriage?
4. In what ways was Tamar mistreated by Judah and his family?
5. What was significant about Judah's declaration once his signet, cord, and staff were sent to him by Tamar?
6. In what ways did God show His grace to Judah in this passage and beyond?
7. In what ways has God shown His grace to you?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. How important do you regard staying connected to the body of Christ? What are some of the reasons that you do or do not see the importance of staying connected to the body of Christ?
3. In the passage Judah yielded to sin easily. What sin(s) do you yield to easily? What does the Word of God say about that sin(s) and how can the Word of God and your brothers and sisters help you in this battle?
4. Like Canaan sexual sin is pervasive in our culture. If you currently struggle with sexual purity what steps would the Lord have you take to help in this battle?
5. Do you typically respond to an evil done against you in a godly or an ungodly way? How would the Lord have you to grow in this area of your life?
6. Do you find it difficult to confess your sin? What are some reasons that you find confession of sin difficult and how might the study of this passage be an encouragement to grow in this area of your life?
7. In what primary way should your life be affected by this passage this week?