



Session 1: Take up your positions

IN

Introduction

Old Testament Jewish tradition included several worship festivals through the year to help give structure and a pattern to the year.

- What gives 'shape' and structure to your year?
- How important is Lent to your discipleship and worship?

UP

Explore

READ 2 Chronicles 20

The chapter begins with 'A vast Army coming ... to wage war' against the people. In his fear, Jehoshaphat seeks the Lord, gathers the people, and turns to prayer and fasting.

- How do you respond in times of pressure?
- What things help you to 'Seek the Lord'?
- Read again Jehoshaphat's prayer – in what ways is this prayer the same and what ways it is different to way that you might respond in prayer in times of trouble?

Look at the prophecy given by Jahaziel (vv. 14-17) – what do you find most encouraging about what he says, and why?

In v17 the people are told to 'Take up your positions and stand firm.' And in v21 some people are 'appointed' to particular positions. What might it mean to you to 'take up your position' within the church of God?

When the battle is imminent, worshippers are sent out at the front of the army. How do you feel about 'worshipping' when you don't feel like it? What might this look like for you?

OUT

Impact

Each person share a recent 'high' and a recent 'low', and any imminent 'battles' that might be coming. Take some time praise God in the light of these things.

