



STUDENT BIBLE STUDY GUIDE: HEZEKIAH'S PASSOVER (LESSON 2: RENEWING RELATIONSHIPS)

2 Chronicles 20:1-5, 2 Chronicles 30:1-5

This lesson explores the renewal of relationships, both with God and between people, using the historical account of King Hezekiah's Passover celebration.

Lesson Context

- **Division and Conflict:** Families, friends, and communities can become estranged due to external circumstances like moving away or internal conflict.
- **Historical Background:** The united monarchy of Israel divided into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah in 931 BC, during the reign of Rehoboam. These two kingdoms were hostile toward each other for nearly 200 years.
- **Hezekiah's Reign (approx. 715–685 BC):** When Hezekiah took the throne, the temple was physically in disrepair and spiritually defiled⁵. He initiated a restoration project to purify the temple so the people could worship the Lord faithfully again.

I. Renewing Passover (2 Chronicles 30:1-5)

Focus Area	Scripture Reference
Israel and Judah	2 Chronicles 30:1
Problem and Solution	2 Chronicles 30:2-3

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Approval and Publicity	2 Chronicles 30:4–5

What Do You Think?

- How can believers celebrate God’s work of deliverance and salvation?
- How might your congregation work with a congregation in another part of town to plan a revival or worship celebration? ⁹

Digging Deeper

- What steps can your class take to include such a celebration in your congregation’s yearly calendar?

II. Returning to God (2 Chronicles 30:6–9)

Focus Area	Scripture Reference
What to Do	2 Chronicles 30:6
What Not to Do	2 Chronicles 30:7–8
Why to Do It	2 Chronicles 30:9

What Do You Think?

- How will you live so future generations can see you as an example of faithful living and obedience to God?

Digging Deeper

- During the upcoming week, how will you encourage younger believers in their faithfulness to God?

III. Result of Celebration (2 Chronicles 30:26–27)

Focus Area	Scripture Reference
Joyous People	2 Chronicles 30:26
Blessed People	2 Chronicles 30:27

What Do You Think?

- How will your worship God with “great joy” in the upcoming week?

Digging Deeper

- What is a new worship practice you can participate in during the upcoming week?

The Hope of Unity

- Christians are not immune to division.
- Hezekiah's leadership in the face of sin and dysfunction serves as an example for us.
- **Two Key Steps for Unity and Renewal:**
 1. **Turn to the Lord and repent:** Realize that being with the Lord is the most important thing.
 2. **Unite with other believers:** Come before God in worship as a repentant people.
- When these steps happen, blessings result.

What Do You Think?

- What behaviors or ideologies prevent you from a life of repentance and unity?

Digging Deeper

- What steps will you take to eliminate these barriers?

Thought to Remember

Worship and serve as the unified people of God.