

The Women Who Knew . . .

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Session 1 - Huldah : Sin No More

Talkback with Pastor Jenny

II Kings 22:14-20

- 1) How do the people of God experience shalom when their own individual actions seem unlikely to change the Big Picture within a sinful culture? What is the value of right-living, even in the midst of an overwhelming situation about the larger context?

They Knew Something

- 2) The term “prophetess” is a bit imprecise in the tradition. Review Nehemiah 6:14, Isaiah 8:3a, Luke 2:36, Acts 2:18, Acts 21:9, and Revelation 2:20 for related references to the office. What working definition of “prophetess” shall we use for this Study? What would you expect to be the limitations of a *woman* in this role? What advantages might a woman bring to the role? In the case of Huldah, what did she know?

Jesus and the Women

- 3) Review John 8:2-11, the tale commonly known as The Woman Caught in Adultery. Discuss aspects of legalism, humility, and grace as you experience them in this scene. Does our sin have consequence? Why do you suppose Jesus says to this woman, “*Neither do I condemn you*” (v. 11)?

Go Deeper

- 4) Is there much *weeping* and *tearing of clothing* (II Kings 22:19b) in your congregation today? What are the best practices (private and corporate) of confession and absolution? How do we incite and model *humility* in a way which attracts divine blessing?