- 2 Chronicles Discussion Questions:
- 1. The beauty and expense of Solomon's Temple was quite amazing. Can a case be made today for building a beautiful, expensive church? Can a case also be made for building a simple, inexpensive church or for meeting in a home? What should the criteria be?
- 2. Look at Solomon's prayer for the dedication of the temple in chapter 6:14-40. What key elements do you see in this prayer?
- 3. As part of God's response to Solomon's prayer, He said -7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Without getting political discuss if this would apply to us today.
- 4. In chapter 17, King Jehoshaphat of Judah was walking with God and God blessed him. Things were going great. Then, in ch.18, he made an alliance with the evil King Ahab of Israel and was almost killed. He cried out to God and was saved. In 19:3 we see that King Jehoshaphat "set his heart to seek God." How can we avoid walking with the world? How can we set our hearts to seek God?
- 5. Look at King Jehoshaphat's response in 20:3-12. What are the key elements of King J's reaction and prayer? He led the people in prayer and fasting (v.3). They sought the Lord (v.4), praised the Lord (v.6), had faith in the Lord to hear and save them (v. 9b), and asked God to fight their enemies (v12). They admitted they didn't have all the answers "We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you," (v.12b).
- 6. What was God's response to Jehoshaphat's prayer? (20:5-17; 20b). Did God deliver on his promise? (v. 29)
- 7. Manasseh is considered the most evil king in Judah's history. (See ch. 33) Do you think God forgave Manasseh?
- 8. This book ends with a message of hope. Discuss that hope.