

ON PURPOSE: BEING INTENTIONAL IN OUR RESPONSE

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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1 GETTING STARTED

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share some observations that you have seen from your family, your friends or yourself that relates to how people have reacted to the community quarantine.

2 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Kings 16:1-3 and 2 Kings 18:1-7. What was the primary difference between Hezekiah and his father? Would you consider being king at the age of 25 young or old enough? Is age a sign of maturity?

2. Read 2 Kings 18:19-25 & 19:9-13. If you were to describe Sennacherib's message in one word, what word would you use? We know that Hezekiah was a king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet he was still afraid. Why is that? What are some reasons why a Christian can be overcome by fear?

3. *Discuss.* In 2 Kings 18:19, the king of Assyria asks a telling question: *"On what are you basing this confidence of yours?"* Consider the CoVid-19 pandemic (or any major life problem for that matter), what are some of the different things that people (including Christians) tend to put their confidence in?

4. *Share.* When you read Hezekiah's prayer (1 Kings 19:15-19), what do you learn from his prayer that would help you in your own prayer life? How would you evaluate your prayers in comparison to Hezekiah's?

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2 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CON'T)

5. Do you agree with the quote, *"The presence of God will not always fix your problems, but it will clarify your perspective"*? Have you ever experienced this in your life? In what specific way?

6. What promises from God does Isaiah give to Hezekiah (19:29-34)? What happened to Sennacherib and his army (see 19:35-37)? What lessons can you learn from this account?

7. *Discuss.* Hezekiah is said to have trusted God (see 1 Kings 18:5, 2 Chr 31:20-21). What does Hezekiah's life teach you about what it would look like to trust God?

3 NEXT STEPS

This week, pray for God to help you respond to your circumstances in godly ways.

- I will commit to go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- I will seek to know more about who God is by regularly reading his Word.
- I will sign-up for the 24/7 Prayer Chain for COVID and commit to pray for 30 minutes a day for one month.
- I will trust God in _____.
- I will seek to fill my "faith tanks" by meditating on God's Word _____ minutes a day.
- Other ways I will apply this lesson: _____.

4 CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Ask God to take you to deeper places in your prayer life. Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you to pray with greater passion.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.