

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 12, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 37:8-38

Memory Passage: Isaiah 37:33-38

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 37:8-38.** Summarize in one paragraph the situation found in Isaiah 36:1-37:7.
- (b) Explain what happens when the story picks up again (37:8-9).
- (c) Explain Sennacherib's new message to Hezekiah (37:10-13), how it differs from the previous message delivered through the Rabshakeh (36:4-20), and how it is similar.
- (d) Why do you think Sennacherib sent this second message to Hezekiah?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 37:8-38.** What did Hezekiah do after reading the letter (vs. 14-15)?
- (b) What do you learn about what Hezekiah thought about God from reading his prayer (vs. 16-20)?
- (c) If the prayers you've prayed during the last 48 hours were written down, what would those who read them think you believed about God?
- (d) Read the list you made in question (b). How would remembering these truths about God strengthen your prayer life?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 37:8-38.** What reason does Yahweh give for speaking concerning Sennacherib (v. 21)?
- (b) Answer this objection: "See, God is not actually sovereign! He was only allowed to speak against Sennacherib after Hezekiah released Him to do so by praying."
- (c) What evidence does Yahweh present against Sennacherib and Assyria in vs. 22-28?
- (d) With what does Yahweh charge Sennacherib (v. 29a), and what sentence does He pronounce against him (v. 29b, c)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 37:8-38.** What sign does Yahweh give Hezekiah (vs. 30-32)? Explain the sign's meaning.
- (b) What does God tell Hezekiah he will do to Sennacherib (v. 33-34), and for what reason will he do it (v. 35)?
- (c) How do Sennacherib's actions and Hezekiah's response represent the primary purposes of Isaiah's message?
- (d) Explain what happens to the Assyrians (v. 36) and their king, Sennacherib (vs. 37-38). Why is there such an economy of words used to explain their fate when 57 verses were used to describe the threats, messages, prayers, and God's response?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 37:8-38.** What do you learn in chapters 36 and 37 about the relationship between prayer and God's actions?
- (b) After studying Hezekiah's prayers, in what ways should your knowledge of God both influence the content of your prayers and increase your desire to pray?
- (c) How do God's purposes for acting (v. 35) produce boldness in your obedience and passion in your prayers?
- (d) Write down at least three reasons these chapters give you to face any situation without fear.

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