

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 21 - February 27, 2021

Desiring the Kingdom

2 Kings 19: Laying It All Out Before The Lord

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you had to change your first name, what would you change it to?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

In the face of our challenges, rather than succumbing to fear and temptation, we can cast our cares upon the God who cares and has the power to save.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 2 Kings 18:31-33.** What three things does the Rabshakeh say to the people of Judah?
 - a. **Read Genesis 3:1-3.** Is what the serpent says to Eve similar to what we see in 2 Kings 18:31-33? In what ways?
 - b. Is our enemy consistent in his lies? Are these the same lies we are likely to hear today? Where are we likely to hear these lies? What are the best ways to combat these lies?
2. **Read 2 Kings 19:1-4.** What actions does Hezekiah take once he hears of the threats of the Rabshakeh? What is the significance of these actions?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 19:5-7.** What was the response of the prophet Isaiah?
 - b. Isaiah's response included three prophecies. **Read 2 Kings 19:35-37.** Does this, along with **2 Kings 19:9** represent fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies? What encouragement should we take from this?

3. **Read 2 Kings 19:11-12.** What argument is the Rabshekah making to further frighten and bring the people of Judah into submission?
 - a. **Read 2 Kings 19:14-16.** How did Hezekiah respond? Why do you believe he did not initially respond in this way? When is the best time to pray during a time of distress?
 - b. **Read 2 Kings 19:17-19.** How does this part of Hezekiah's prayer reflect his reaction to the message from the Rabshakeh in verses 11-12?
4. In Hezekiah's prayer in 2 Kings 19:11-16, how would you describe the structure of this prayer? Is how we pray important? Why or why not?
 - a. **Read Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV).** Do you think that Hezekiah's prayer is consistent with the way Jesus taught His disciples to pray in these verses?
 - b. **Read 2 Kings 19:20.** In this verse, Isaiah seems to indicate that it is because of Hezekiah's prayer that God will respond. Based on this passage, answer the following questions:
 - i. Does God hear our prayers?
 - ii. What is the purpose of prayer?
 - iii. Does God answer all of our prayers in the way that we pray them?
 - iv. When, do you believe, is God most likely to answer our prayers?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

