



Isaiah

God gave Isaiah the difficult task of preaching profound biblical truth to a people who would completely ignore it. But this does not mean that Isaiah's words were wasted because they are a blessing to us today. In this series, we will learn from Isaiah's message about our God, who is a righteous king and an irreplaceable sovereign judge. Yet the very same God is a suffering servant who comforts us in our times of need and provides Hope to the nations.

WEEK TWO

Our God cannot be replaced

Message Passage: Isaiah 31:1-3 & Isaiah 36:1-17

Small Group Passage: Isaiah 37:1-4 & 14-20

TEACHING AND VIDEO NOTES

What we are about to see next is a beautiful example of what we are to do when we realize we have placed our faith and trust in all the wrong things. King Hezekiah realized before it was too late what he had to do. Tonight in small group, we are going to learn from him.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When we are in crisis, what do we far too often turn to and trust in rather than trusting in God alone?

READ: Isaiah 37:1-7

2. When King Hezekiah was confronted with the reality that he had refused to trust in God, he repented of his sin and then ran directly into the temple. This is a great example for us. When confronted with our wrongs, we repent and run to God. This is what we should do. The question is: what do we do more commonly? Or to put it another way, when confronted with our sin, what are we tempted to do instead of confessing and running to God?
3. King Hezekiah was a man of authority as the king of Judea; it would have been easy for him to hold onto his pride and refuse to admit his wrong, as is the norm for many in roles of authority. The opposite is true for Sennacherib and his envoy, and it cost them dearly. What should this teach us about the danger of pride?

READ: Isaiah 37:14-20

4. What sticks out to you about Hezekiah's prayer?
5. Vs 16 - Hezekiah declared in his prayer that, "you (Yahweh) alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth." They were no longer empty words as Hezekiah was finally leading and living as if these words were true. What does it look like for us today to live as if God alone is the Lord of our lives, and he is irreplaceable?
6. Vs 19 - Hezekiah pointed out that the idols of other nations had not saved them. They were nothing more than wood. What idols do we commonly use today to rely on in times of need rather than God alone? How do those idols fail us in times of need?

PRAYER TIME

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