

The Power of Our Prayers | Isaiah 36-37

Sermon Discussion Questions

2/24/19

1. The sermon began with a reading of Isaiah 36, after which Pastor Jim gave more background on the troublesome situation that Hezekiah is in. Review with each other what the problem is and then share with each other similar situations we might find ourselves in today.

2. Pastor Jim listed 6 ways that Satan seeks to discourage and confuse us when we are in wilderness seasons or faced with a problem. Review them with each other and then share with each other which one(s) you find yourself most susceptible to when facing a challenge.

(1. attack us with truth to make us feel hopeless, 2. confuse us about what God wants, 3. cause fear and doubt, 4. make us think God is planning our destruction, 5. cause shame and embarrassment, 6. God won't perform a miracle)

3. Hezekiah faces two waves of discouragement in the midst of his situation with Assyria. He responds in different ways to each wave of discouragement. Discuss with each other the different ways that Hezekiah responds to the discouragement and what happens as a result of each.

4. Hezekiah's second response was to roll out the scroll in the temple before the Lord. As you think about this visual what thoughts come to mind? Have you ever done something like this before? What are some of your fears or encouragement to present your problems before the Lord in this manner?

5. The Lord's response to Hezekiah's prayer offering before him in the temple is more intimate and in-depth than the response Hezekiah got back from Isaiah. This shows us that God desires to be in relationship with us through prayer. After hearing this sermon, have your thoughts on prayer changed at all? If so, in what ways?

6. What situation could you currently lay out before the Lord in prayer like Hezekiah did?