

## **“Healed from Death” | Isaiah 38**

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

3/17/19

1. This week’s message focused on the question of why God heals some and not others. Pastor Jim started his message by highlighting three possible answers to the question. Have you ever wrestled with this question or these answers yourself? Take a moment to share.
2. As Pastor Jim said, none of the three answers the sermon opened with are the true biblical view of healing. In Isaiah 38 we see a story of how God healed Hezekiah. Pastor Jim highlighted four things regarding death, healing and how they relate to God’s power and will. What stood out to you about these four things?
3. In verses 10-20, we are given a psalm written by Hezekiah after he was miraculously healed. Pastor Jim provided various insights about God’s plans, his sovereignty over life and death and how Hezekiah feels through out the process. Take a moment and reflect on your own experience with illness, healing and loss. How do the words and feelings of Hezekiah resonate with you? What might the Lord be saying to you through this text?
4. In verses 15-19 we see the response of being healed. The words and attitude turns from the anguish of impending death to something else. What can we learn from Hezekiah’s response to being healed? How do they line up with our usual understanding of grief and where might it differ from what we know or have experienced?
5. Pastor Jim explained that in verses 20-22 we see the purpose that miraculous healings serve. They are actually not the end itself, but a means to an end, they are a sign. What are they a sign of? What do they reflect and teach us about God?
6. Our response to scripture often depends on our circumstances, experience and how they intersect with our faith and understanding. As you read this, as you listened to the message, what did you feel the Lord trying to say to you? How does this scripture relate to your understanding and circumstances relating to illness, healing and loss? Take some time to respectfully share and listen to each other. Allow space for real and raw emotions to bubble up if necessary and encourage each other through prayer.