

Who Comes Next | Isaiah 39
Sermon Discussion Questions
3/24/19

1. The message this week focused on the importance of thinking of those who come after us. Have you known someone who left things better for those coming next? What about someone who left things worse? Share some examples as a group.
2. In Isaiah 39 we see Hezekiah, after his miraculous healing, meeting with representatives from another country. Go back to the scripture and recall, what did Hezekiah do that displeased God? What did Isaiah say would be the result of this? Worse yet, what was Hezekiah's response?
3. Pastor Jim highlighted many different people in scripture who responded to proclamations such as this. What were some of the ones he mentioned? In your own life, what do your actions / responses to difficult circumstances reveal about your heart for others?
4. Pastor Jim gave us many practical applications for this teaching. As you look at the list take a moment and ask each other: which of these seem easier to do? Which seem harder? Discuss why you think so.
5. Loving God and loving others more than ourselves goes beyond the here and now. We have an opportunity to speak into the future, to be intentional about how we love and care for those coming up behind us. As you look at your life, your career, finances, relationships, possessions and knowledge, where might God be calling you to re-evaluate your management of resources?

As you close today, take some time to pray together and ask God to:

- Reveal where you might have opportunities to pass on blessings to the next generation, to those coming up after you.
- Give you the strength to be intentional about making these investments and choices, even when it gets hard.