

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Under Siege
Week 3: No Contest
2 Kings 19:1-19

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When life is harder than we expect, God's Word equips us to stand strong. What we learn from God in His Word gives a powerful perspective unlike any other.

Kicking It Off:

Since Jeff reminded us about grade school lunches in his sermon, share: did you use a brown bag or lunchbox to carry your lunch? What were your favorite things to pack for school lunch?

Discussion:

1. Let's dive right into our passages for the week. Read 2 Kings 19:1-19. What answer did Isaiah send back with Hezekiah's officials (v. 6-7)? How should this have made Hezekiah feel? Do you think Hezekiah took it to heart? Why or why not (hint: look at his response to Sennacherib's letter in v. 14-19)?
2. That Hezekiah kept succumbing to fear doesn't mean he had no faith, but rather that he was human. Let's look at a passage that shows us more about his faith. Read 2 Chronicles 32:6-8. Hezekiah's words to his people might sound familiar. Look at Joshua 1:9. What does this tell you about Hezekiah's knowledge of God and the history of the nation of Israel?
"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9 (NLT)
3. Read 2 Chronicles 32:7 again. Hezekiah might be thinking of a story that surely would have been repeated in Israel and Judah from the not-too-distant past. Read 2 Kings 6:13-17. How would that have given Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem confidence in the face of the Assyrians?
4. Despite what he knows, Hezekiah still worries. As Jeff pointed out though, Hezekiah had a final secret weapon at his disposal – approaching God with his problem. Review what Jeff shared: what did Hezekiah hold his problem up against to measure it as seen in his prayer in 2 Kings 19:15-19 (God's Love, God's Presence, God's Authority, God's Power, God's Size, and God's Passion)?
5. Do you have stories you retell or phrases you say to remind yourself of who God is in the face of your troubles? Consider how you might use Hezekiah's prayer as a template for your own prayers.

Wrapping Up:

Jeff stated that "compared to God, our problems are teeny." Pray that those in your group would grow in their ability to hold their concerns up alongside the great God who loves them.

"Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable. One generation will commend Your works to the next, and will proclaim Your mighty acts." ~ Psalm 145:3-4 (NIV)