



## Grace Group Discussion Questions

**Title:** LORD is Powerful. Any Questions?  
**Text:** Isaiah 37:21 - 38  
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### Grace Group Questions for this Sunday's Sermon:

- 1) The Lord responds to Hezekiah's prayer. It is important to note that the destruction of the Assyrians had already been predicted. It was going to happen. But it must also be noted that prayer did accomplish what an alliance (30:1-2), military power (31:1), or wealth (2 Kings 18:13-14) could not. We are not certain how divine sovereignty and human prayer work together, but we must not minimize prayer's importance. Try to work through this together in your group if there are lingering questions. Please be sure to use the Bible.  
(NOTE: more on prayer next week)
  
- 2) The focus of Hezekiah's prayer is not on his own comfort. Read 37:20b. Hezekiah is submitting his desires for deliverance to God's greater glory and the proclamation of his great name. What does this "look like" in our lives? How can we do this? To what degree is your heart really at that place? Pray that God would transform our hearts to desire his glory foremost of all, above everything.
  
- 3) It is easy for Sennacherib to become the bad guy. But how do we "raise our voice" and "lift our eyes" (37:13) against the Holy One in our lives? Let's own this in our lives, repent, and continue to yield to the Lord in all things. Pray for one another.
  
- 4) Read 37:26-28. It might be easier to believe theologically that nothing happens apart from the Lord's control or awareness, but do we believe this practically?  
  
\*Can we trust that the events in our lives are events that are not outside of the Lord's control? At times, this can be so difficult!!!  
  
\*When we "get away with something" or sin in secret, do we really believe that the Lord is not aware? Do we think that we can secretly oppose him without his knowledge? If not, how do we numb ourselves from this reality in everyday living?
  
- 5) The Lord evidences that he is all-powerful (verses 30-38). He announces his plans AND he carries them out. Finally, we see the clear evidence that one can and should put their trust in God and in God alone. He alone is faithful. He alone can be trusted. NOTE: Probably the biggest indicator of our trust is our prayer life, not how long we pray, but that we believe that our only hope is to look to the LORD AND the only one to whom

thanksgiving is due is his glorious name. Be honest with yourself and look at the “posture of your heart” and prayer. Is there evidence that above all you trust the Lord? If your prayer life is the measure of trust, what does it indicate? Do not beat yourself up as you answer this OR swell with pride. Simply, be honest about where you are. As a group, pour out your hearts to the Lord; confess; repent; beg the Lord to give us a heart as a body and as individuals that ONLY looks to him. Please, pray earnestly for this.

PRAYER REQUEST that are big:

- 1) Weekly financial needs. We are an average of \$2500 behind in our budgetary needs. Pray.
- 2) We need to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our west building, lacking \$300,000 plus. Pray.
- 3) We still owe millions on our west building. The longer we keep the loan, the more we pay in interest. Pray.
- 4) Our body has MANY relational needs. Lives need to be changed. Hearts need to be transformed. We want to see the power of God show up in these situations. Pray.