



Grace Group Discussion Questions

Title: God's Overwhelming Goodness
Text: Isaiah 38-39
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Grace Group Questions for this Sunday's Sermon:

1. This part of the story definitely reminds us that Hezekiah is a person like us, one who struggles in his faith. If God is calling us to be a faithful people, what have you learned specifically that helps you “stay the course” and live faithfully? What “triggers” unfaithfulness in you?
2. Hezekiah’s thanksgiving (38:9-20) gives way to self-promotion (39:1-8). Does this happen in your life? How does it happen? On a related note, do we sometimes express thanksgiving to God to believers yet speak in a self-promoting manner to those who are not believers? Why does this happen?
3. Note the different responses Hezekiah has to the prospect of death. For himself, he turns to the wall and cries out to God. For the future of Judah, it simply responds, “that is good it will not be happening while I am alive.” What obvious principles of the Christian life are lacking as you consider these different responses? Do you have trouble feeling others pain, yet expect others to identify with your own pain? How can we grow in “rejoicing with those who rejoice” and “weeping with those who weep?”
4. Concerning the “Lord changing his mind” in response to Hezekiah’s prayer, how was this defended in Sunday’s sermon? Does that make sense to you? If not, how might you explain it? Regardless, we must understand that God is a prayer-answering God. Has doubt grown in you concerning the power of prayer? Discuss this as a group, and cry out to God to help you in your unbelief. Bring specific requests to him, crying out for his mercy and provision.
5. Trust is not a one-time event, it is a way of life. Please pray for us as a body that we will grow in having a heart of trust. God is trying to teach us some things in these days. May we be a people who truly trust him.

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 2nd 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.