
Our Church

Questions for Application for the Week of September 21, 2014

Part 1 - Our Church Prays - Isaiah 37:14-20

1. Take some time and review Isaiah 37:14-20 along with the preceding chapter. As you have reflected on Isaiah 37:14-20 does anything stand out to you? Has God shown you anything about prayer or your prayer life as you have reviewed the passage?

2. Where do you turn first when you find yourself in a tough place? How can our natural response sometimes be contrary to the Gospel?

3. We looked at several steps that Hezekiah took in prayer when his back was against the wall:

He turned to God. (v. 14)

He recognized the power of God. (v. 15-17)

He put his trust in God and not in false gods. (v. 18-19)

He asked for God to do something big. (v. 20a)

He desired that God would receive honor and glory from the answer. (v. 20b)

What comfort is found in responding this way? Are any of these steps difficult for you to do? How does your understanding of God as he has revealed himself in Scripture inform the way that you pray?

4. When is it difficult for you to ask God to do big things? Why is that the case? How has God helped you to grow in this area?

5. Jesus taught us to "pray like" his prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Read over this prayer. Do you see any similarities between this prayer and Hezekiah's prayer? What are they?

Possible Questions for Breakout:

- One of the core values of our church is "Believing firmly in the power of prayer." Where do you see this in the life of our church? What role do you play in this?
- What is one thing that you are praying for in your own life that the group could join you in praying?
- What are you praying for our church over the next few months as we enter into a season of transition?
- How can our Life Group focus on "praying big" this year?