

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

### The Lord Hears

2 Kings 18-20

#### APPLY // 2 KINGS 17

**Main Idea:** Be warned by the dangers of sin and be welcomed into the delight of your Savior.

1. Read out the list of sins listed in the passage. Using the storyline of Kings, how did they get here? Using Scripture share how the Righteousness of God demands judgement like this. Using Revelation 21, share how you see this principle of exile (and restoration) are still at work in the New Covenant.
2. Knowing 2 Kings 17 is here to warn us, use Romans 15:4-7 and share specifically how (a) Christ and (b) his body the church help us to endure in an encouraging way? Be specific.

#### OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 2 KINGS 18-20

**Main Idea:** The Lord is quick to hear and delights to answer the humble prayers of his people.

1. **Read 2 Kings 18:1-12.** What does the author say about king Hezekiah? How does this contrast with the character of the kings of the past several chapters? In what specific ways do we see Hezekiah surpassing even the other good kings of Judah?
2. **Read 2 Kings 18:7.** What does this verse reveal about God's faithfulness in light of the blessings and curses of Deuteronomy 28?
3. **Read 2 Kings 18:19-35.** What are the messengers of the king of Assyria saying about the Lord and his people Israel? How does the Rabshakeh imply that trust in the Lord is futile? What (false) promises does the King of Assyria make?
4. **Read 2 Kings 19:1-7.** Discuss how Hezekiah responds when confronted with trials and threats. What does this tell us about Hezekiah? What is the Lord's response to Hezekiah regarding the taunt of the king of Assyria? How does the reader know that this is a response from the Lord?
5. **Read 2 Kings 19:14-19.** Describe the content of Hezekiah's prayer. What is Hezekiah's request and what is the basis for his plea to the Lord?
6. **Read 2 Kings 19:20-28.** How does the Lord respond to Hezekiah's prayer? What does the Lord's response say about His sovereignty over all nations? What does the Lord's response say about his care for and commitment to his people?
7. **Read 2 Kings 20:1-11.** Discuss the events that are taking place. How is the reader to think about God's dealings with Hezekiah in this passage?
8. **Read 2 Kings 20:12-19.** What is Hezekiah's motivation in showing the Babylon envoy all his treasure? Do the actions of Hezekiah in this passage align with his description in chapter 18? What are the differences? What is the judgment from the Lord in this passage? What does this judgment have to do with Hezekiah?
9. How do these chapters point us to and prepare us for the person and work of Jesus Christ?

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the

supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** What has the Lord been teaching you through our study in Kings?