

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 16

2 Kings 18 - Isaiah 17; Psalm 106 - 112

- 1. What were some of the commands Josiah gave the people in order to reform the nation? (2 Kings 18)**
- 2. In Hezekiah's prayer he asks the Lord to save the people so that the other kingdoms would know who is God. What difficult circumstances are you facing currently? How can you imagine other people coming to glorify God through your difficult circumstances (or their resolution)? (2 Kings 19)**
- 3. How does Shalmaneser, the King of Assyria, mock God? What is the outcome? (2 Kings 18-19)**
- 4. Despite Josiah's zeal, God does not change what He had promised would happen to Judah. What can this teach us about God's character?**
- 5. Isaiah 8 ends with a dejected and hungry people in distress and affliction. Chapter 9 bring the hope of the Messiah. A light dawns, bondage is broken, fighting ceases as the promised child is born. How has your reading this week encouraged you that God is always working His plan of redemption for his people even when the future looks dark?**
- 6. Even in the desolation prophesied in Isaiah, we see God gathering together the remnant of his people. We see He has never been absent. One day He will gather us together under his banner and we will see His glorious resting place. In preparation of the coming gathering, how can you make sure you are ready to see him? How does living in this time and place distract you from the coming of the kingdom?**
- 7. Read Psalm 106 highlighting Israel's actions and God's response. We can be guilty of so many of these same transgressions. What do verses 44 and 45 encourage us in?**

Prayer Prompt: Psalm 107 shows that God is a home for the homeless. That in Him there is freedom for the captive, healing for the suffering, and peace for the overwhelmed. Spend some time praising Him for His "faithful love and His wondrous works for all humanity."