

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

From II Kings 18:1 – What are some of the negative influences from an evil dad like Ahaz, do you think Hezekiah had to overcome? How do you think he overcame them?

From II Kings 18:3 – What does it mean to “Do what is right in the eyes of the Lord”? What did that look like for King Hezekiah?

From II Kings 18:4 – What are the idols our culture has set up in place of God? What areas of your life could have some “demo work”?

*Author and philosopher Dallas Willard wrote, “Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning... You have never seen people more active than those who have been set on fire by the grace of God. Paul, who perhaps understood grace better than any other mere human being, looked back at what had happened to him and said: “By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.” (I Cor. 15:10)*

\* How do these words from Dallas Willard, help us understand how to live in grace and still make effort to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord?

From II Kings 18:5-6 Hezekiah held fast, “clung to”, “cleaved to” the LORD. What images do these phrases conjure up? What would it look like for you to cling to the LORD more?