**2.17.19 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations - Christian**

**Deliverance from Sennacherib**

Leader Prep Section

* Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a few questions from each section that are best suited to your group.
* Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
* When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

**Hook** - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

* What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
* Do you have a favorite bible *story*, and why?

Background / Reading

**Read: Isaiah 36 & 37 (Yes, both chapters! Bonus points for a dramatic reading)**

* Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we’ll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

**Book** - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

* How would you summarize the message of the king of Assyria in chapter 36?
* Why did the palace workers ask the Assyrian commander to speak to them in Aramaic instead of Hebrew? V. 36:11
* What does the king of Assyria believe about the God of Israel? V. 36:18-20 (That he is just like any other nation’s gods that let them down)

**Look** - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

* If you were Hezekiah, how would you feel after hearing Sennacherib’s taunt?
* Based on the text, what do you think Hezekiah believes about God? (37:3-4; 14-19)
* What do you think is the “moral” of the story?

**Took** - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

* What can we learn from Hezekiah’s example in this story? (asking Isaiah to pray, his own prayer of faith, how he knows and trusts God’s character, etc.)
* What do we learn about God in this story?
* Are there situations in your life right now that are tempting you to question God’s goodness and faithfulness? How can we lay them before God for you?