

*Ice Breaker* (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is one thing you do that is life-giving for you? A hobby or activity that fills your tank?

*Talk About it!*

1. Read **2 Kings 19:1-7**

a. What is one thing about Hezekiah's response to the threats of Assyria that stands out to you? How does it encourage you to respond differently to the pressures in your own life?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 2:10-12**

a. Scripture shows us that we have access to God's thoughts & voice. How do you hear God? Have you heard his voice before? How could you invite God's word and voice into your life more?

3. Read **2 Kings 19:14 & 1 Peter 5:7**

a. What does it look like to cast your cares on the Lord? How do we do this? What is one thing that you want to "spread out" before him so he can deal with it?

4. Read **2 Kings 19:15-19**

a. What is one thing that stands out to you from Hezekiah's prayer to God? How can you personally cultivate a stronger prayer life?

5. Read **2 Kings 19:35-37**

a. What would it look like in our lives to really trust that God will fight our battles? What is a battle that you need God to fight for you right now?

## Scripture Reference (Questions 1-3)

### **2 KINGS 19:1-7 NLT**

**1** When King Hezekiah heard their report, he tore his clothes and put on burlap and went into the Temple of the Lord.

**2** And he sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the court secretary, and the leading priests, all dressed in burlap, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. **3** They told him, "This is what King Hezekiah says: Today is a day of trouble, insults, and disgrace. It is like when a child is ready to be born, but the mother has no strength to deliver the baby. **4** But perhaps the Lord your God has heard the Assyrian chief of staff, sent by the king to defy the living God, and will punish him for his words. Oh, pray for those of us who are left!"

**5** After King Hezekiah's officials delivered the king's message to Isaiah, **6** the prophet replied, "Say to your master, 'This is what the Lord says: Do not be disturbed by this blasphemous speech against me from the Assyrian king's messengers. **7** Listen! I myself will move against him, and the king will receive a message that he is needed at home. So he will return to his land, where I will have him killed with a sword.'"

### **1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-12 NLT**

**10** But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. **11** No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. **12** And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

### **2 KINGS 19:14 NLT**

**14** After Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, he went up to the Lord's Temple and spread it out before the Lord.

### **1 PETER 5:7 NLT**

**7** Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

## Scripture Reference (Questions 4-5)

### **2 KINGS 19:15-19 NLT**

**15** And Hezekiah prayed this prayer before the Lord: “O Lord, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! You alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth. **16** Bend down, O Lord, and listen! Open your eyes, O Lord, and see! Listen to Sennacherib’s words of defiance against the living God.

**17** “It is true, Lord, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these nations. **18** And they have thrown the gods of these nations into the fire and burned them. But of course the Assyrians could destroy them! They were not gods at all—only idols of wood and stone shaped by human hands. **19** Now, O Lord our God, rescue us from his power; then all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you alone, O Lord, are God.”

### **2 KINGS 19:35-37 NLT**

**35** That night the angel of the Lord went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere. **36** Then King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and returned to his own land. He went home to his capital of Nineveh and stayed there.

**37** One day while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with their swords. They then escaped to the land of Ararat, and another son, Esarhaddon, became the next king of Assyria.