

## 2.5.12 GO GROUP QUESTIONS

### Awakening Week 6

#### 2 Chronicles 32:1-22

#### **LOVE PEOPLE: CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER**

1. Check in: Where did you see God at work in your life this past week?
2. Tell about a time when you were in a desperate situation. What did you do about it?

#### **LOVE GOD: WORSHIPING IN THE WORD:**

This is our final week in the sermon series entitled “Awakening” based on stories found in 1 and 2 Chronicles from the Old Testament. We discovered that we are in a similar situation as the original audience and consequently have been learning how to live with bold faith in a broken world.

Pray.

Read 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

1. Hezekiah is the son of Ahaz, the king of Judah who did atrocious things in the eyes of God including sacrificing some of his children. God sent Israel to punish Judah for their sin. Ahaz is now dead and Hezekiah is king in Judah. Unlike his father, Hezekiah cleaned the Temple and restored worship in the Temple as God desired. Based on the verses just read, what would you anticipate will happen next? Why?

Read 32:1

2. What’s happening here and why?
3. Context: Assyria was a powerhouse. And they were ruthless. Physically and psychologically dominating other nations. Judah was a little nation and remember, it was not long ago that they were ransacked by Israel due to Ahaz’s sin. If you were Hezekiah, what would you do at this point?

Read verses 2-8

4. What did Hezekiah do? What are the steps he takes in this desperate situation?

Read verses 9-19

5. What is Sennacherib doing here?
6. How convincing are his arguments?
7. Share a story of a time you trusted in God and people made threats or hurled insults at you or God.

Read verses 20-23

8. What happened in the end?
9. Do we know *for certain*, why God allowed this potentially crushing thing happen to his people? Can you base your answer on the text?

(ON BACK)

#### WRAP UP/CLOSE YOUR TIME OF WORSHIP IN PRAYER:

1. We have been in or heard of others in situations like Hezekiah. We follow God and try to live a pure life that is pleasing to him. And bad stuff still happens. What is the proper response in desperate times?
2. Let’s say Hezekiah’s story ended differently here. God allows Assyria to ransack them and be victorious. Is Hezekiah’s response to the threat still the best course of action? Why or why not?
3. In the church era, times are different. There are no nations or political groups that are given the task of being God’s chosen servant to the world. That role has been shifted to the body of Christ, the Church. If we look at church history and current situations for many missionaries and churches throughout the world, persecution still exists, nations are pitting themselves against the church and faithful servants are dying for their faith. If we take a microscopic view of God and this circumstance, where is God in all this?

4. If we take a macroscopic, zoomed out look at the church since it began in the first century, does that change your answer? What has happened to the church since its inception 2,000 years ago? Where is God in all this?
5. A couple of scriptures to chew on: Matthew 16:13-18; Romans 8:18-39; Matthew 10:28-33; Revelation 20:7-15 How do these passages influence your view of God in desperate times?

Close in prayer.

### **SERVE THE WORLD:**

Get connected in helping The Heights Community reach Ogden and Bountiful. Contact Michel Vigil at [michel.v@theheightscommunity.org](mailto:michel.v@theheightscommunity.org) for information on how you can help with the rebuilding work on the Ogden campus or contact [Daniel.S@theheightscommunity.org](mailto:Daniel.S@theheightscommunity.org) to help in Bountiful. There is a lot of work to be completed on both campuses!

### **INVITE OTHERS:**

Is there anyone we can invite to a church service on a Sunday morning or evening, or to join us in this group? What's stopping us from inviting them? *Who can we fight for that belongs in the Kingdom of God?*

### **LOVE GOD Strengthening your Relationship throughout the Week**

*\*Why? To help us further reflect on the message of the week and to help us seek God regularly, and meet with him daily to strengthen our relationship with Him. The goal is meeting with Jesus, not completing a task. You are not reading a book – you are meeting with God.*

For each reading this week, follow the S.O.A.P. method of study. (It would be helpful to have a journal or a notepad to keep track of these throughout the week.)

**S.** Scripture: What scripture passage means the most to me today?

**O.** Observation: Who is God and what is He like according to this passage? What else do you see in these passages? What questions do you have?

**A.** Application: How will you be or live different because of what you read?

**P.** Prayer. What is your prayer for today given what you just read.

*Note: Day 7 is labeled 'Rest' and you are free to move this date to another day in the week that makes the most sense in your life.*

*This week we are going to explore 1 and 2 Thessalonians. The people who received these letters were undergoing persecution, a desperate time for them. This week, keep that in mind as we learn how Paul encourages them and instructs them for how to deal with their situation.*

Day 1: Read 1 Thessalonians 1 and complete the S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 2: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 3: Read 1 Thessalonians 3-4 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 4: Read 1 Thessalonians 5 complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 5: Read 2 Thessalonians 1 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 6: Read 2 Thessalonians 2-3 and complete S.O.A.P. notes.

Day 7: Rest.