

Discussion Guide For the Week of Sept. 16, 2018

Read 2 Kings 19:1-19; James 5:16-18; 1 Peter 5:7

- The threat which faced King Hezekiah and the nation was very real. They had no earthly hope. To call it a “day of trouble” is an understatement. Many of us have faced our own “days of trouble.” If you are discussing this with others, describe a “day of trouble” you have experienced.
- What was Hezekiah’s first response in the “day of trouble” (2 Kings 19:1)? Pastor Dan explained this was a way of showing deep sorrow and repentance as they prayed to God. What is your first response in a “day of trouble?”
- After Hezekiah responded in sorrow and repentance, what did he do next (2 Kings 19:2-4)? This reaction is similar to what the New Testament suggests in James 5:14-18.
- Hezekiah spread the threatening letter before God (2 Kings 19:14-16). Why did he do that? Is this similar to what the Bible says in 1 Peter 5:7?
- Many people try to go through “dark times” by themselves. How can others help you get through the “dark times?” Why should we reach out to others when we are struggling?
- Do you have any troubles which are wearing you down? Don’t bear them alone. Reach out and ask someone to be there for you and pray for you. Look for someone who has a strong relationship with God. And feel free to come talk with Pastor Dan if you can’t think of anyone else!
- And if you are doing OK but know of someone who might be struggling, don’t wait on them to call you. Reach out to them and let them know you care and are willing to be a “caring ear” if they want to talk. Pray for them too!