

TAKEAWAY

HEZEKIAH'S FAITH

2 Kings 18:1-8 + 2 Kings 20:1-6



At Maybridge we want to be a church of disciples who make disciples – we hope this takeaway session encourages practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in your group. The focus of group discussion should be on becoming 'doers of the word' and not just hearers or people who enjoy a good discussion!

INTRODUCTION

The kingdom of Israel and Judah had many kings, despite earthly kings not being part of God's plan for his people. By the time King Hezekiah took the throne, Judah had fallen deeper into idolatry and the people worshipped other gods. Hezekiah was faithful and destroyed the places of worship to idols that replaced God in the hearts and lives of His people. As we read the account of Hezekiah's life and reign in 2 Kings, we'll explore and reflect on the idols we ourselves are tempted to fall into worshipping and the often unseen ways we dishonour God.

SHARE

- Where do you go for guidance? What are some of the things you instinctively turn to for help in our life?
- Who or what kinds of things come to mind when you hear the word faithful?

READ

2 Kings 18:1-8

2 Kings 20:1-6

DISCUSS

What strikes you most about the life and actions of Hezekiah in these passages? This could be something you're intrigued by, something that resonates, is challenging, makes you uncomfortable or raises questions for you.

How would you describe what an idol is?

How does Hezekiah demonstrate his faith and trust in God?

What kind of things that may not seem bad, or are even good, that might replace God today?
What cultural and societal pressures do Christians have to live a less God honouring life today?

What 'high places' in your life – private ways you dishonour God – might you need to address?

How can we go about reshaping and replacing the idols and misplaced trust in things not of God, with hope and trust in Jesus?

In his later life, Hezekiah had an illness. Why do you think the Old Testament mentions his illness? Why is this significant?

How does knowing that God is with us through it all change the way you view sickness, or suffering?

TRY OUT

- Read Romans 8:18-28. Reflect on how it relates to the passage we have been studying in 2 Kings.

- Reflect on your own: Are there any 'high places' or areas of your life, heart and desires where there may be a misplaced trust behind it? Ask God for discernment if you aren't sure. Journal/write down what you discover.
With another member of the group: Reflect and share these idols and pray together: Share scripture that reminds us of God's truth and promises over you and/or any idol(s), ask for forgiveness and for Holy Spirit's help so you can now put your trust in God.

PRAY