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POWERFUL PRAYERS

Groups Sermon Study Questions

HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

March 5, 2017

Message Summary

This week we looked at a very crucial moment in the life of King Hezekiah. When faced with a grim outlook, he turned to God in prayer for deliverance. Because of his faith, God stepped into his life in a remarkable way. Faith is so important when it comes to our prayer life. Pastor John reminded us that in order to pray powerful prayers, they must be rooted in faith.

Consider This

- 1. Describe a time when you had to face an unexpected situation. How did you handle it? What was your response?
- 2. Do you think God still responds to our prayers in miraculous ways? Why or why not?

Read 1 Kings 20:1-7

1. What was the issue that faced King Hezekiah?

- 2. How did King Hezekiah respond? How do you think you would respond? 3. What was the result of King Hezekiah's prayer? 4. Do you believe that God responds to your prayers in a similar way? Why or Why not? Read Hebrews 11:6 5. Why is faith so important to powerful prayers? 6. How would you define faith? (See Hebrews 11:1) 7. What does it look like for us to "earnestly seek" God? Read Matthew 15:14-20 8. What was this father asking Jesus to do? Who did he bring his son to first?
- 9. What value does Jesus place on having faith?
- 10. Jesus uses the metaphor of faith like a mustard seed (something very small) can move mountains (a very large impact). How does this metaphor help us understand the importance of faith in our prayer life?

Action Steps

- 1. Continue to start your days with the prayer, "Search me, Show me, Use me" this week.
- 1. Study James 1:2-8. These verses primarily focus on what to do in the difficult situations of life. Focus on the role of faith and prayer in the difficult times. What do these verses tell us about our prayer life? How are we to approach God? What do you need to ask God for in your life this week?