

1. As believers, we are in an unbreakable union with Christ but because of our sin, our *communion* with Him can be broken.
2. Because King Hezekiah faithfully served the Lord, he was blessed with riches, which drew the invasion of King Sennacherib and the Assyrian army.
3. Hezekiah realized he was alone and outnumbered and attempted to buy peace with the tyrant by emptying the treasuries and stripping the Temple of its grandeur.
4. In this entire exchange, it's notable that Hezekiah did not pray or seek godly counsel.
5. Hezekiah and his military leaders tried to negotiate with the Assyrians but their military capacity was mocked and God was slandered as powerless.
6. As a last resort, Hezekiah sent word to the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah clearly and confidently reminded Hezekiah not to fear because God was with him.
7. Sennacherib sent a threatening letter to Hezekiah, who boldly went to the temple and prayerfully read the challenge before God.
8. God miraculously destroyed the Assyrian army, showing that He is great and worthy of honor and praise.
9. Later, Hezekiah became gravely ill and begged God to heal him. God graciously granted him 15 more productive years.
10. When Hezekiah was visited by Babylonian ambassadors, he pridefully showed off his wealth. When confronted by Isaiah, Hezekiah's pride was exposed, and he was informed that all his treasures would one day be carried off by the king of Babylon.
11. Hezekiah sinned – he failed to rely on God and became prideful. However, God cared about His relationship with Hezekiah, like He does with us, and sought opportunities to restore communion with him.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

QUOTES

“Our UNION with Christ is un-breakable! But our COMMUNION with Christ is at times broken...”
- Dan Waun

TODAY'S WORSHIP

I Know That I Know
This is Our God
I Can't Get Enough
Garments

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Even though Hezekiah served the true Living God, he was put in a situation where he had to trust the Lord or surrender. Have you ever felt like you were in a similar situation? Describe what happened.

Hezekiah attempts to buy peace with a tyrant by offering to pay an enormous sum of money. Why was this a bad idea? Is it ever possible to negotiate with evil? Why or why not?

Rabshakeh attempts to shake Hezekiah's confidence by questioning his thoughts, resources, identity, strength and God (2 Kings 18:19-27). How effective was his strategy? Which attack would be most effective if used against you?

Believing that a siege was inevitable, Hezekiah begins building a tunnel to bring water inside the city. The king's actions are not immoral, but show a lack of regard for input through prayer and godly counsel. Why do people who claim to be Christ followers often treat prayer as a last resort? What are the issues that cause you to immediately pray? Who do you turn to for godly counsel?

Which of the following verses about fear is most meaningful/helpful to you? Psalm 25:12; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 3:5-8; Matthew 10:28-33; Luke 1:50

A prophetic rebuke is given to Hezekiah because of his attempt to impress Babylon with his wealth. Ultimately, this God-fearing king foolishly leans into his own capacity, bringing disaster. When are you most tempted to lean into your own capacity? When are you keenly aware of needing the Lord's wisdom and strength?

Isaiah is asked by God to give a difficult message of rebuke to a godly king. Jonah was asked to give a message of warning to a group of ungodly people. Compare how both prophets respond (Jonah 4:1-3). Which assignment would be more difficult for you and why?