HEZEKIAH CHOSES PRAYER

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2 KINGS 18, 19

Introduction

1. A _____ from your life

2. A _____ response habit

3. A _____ on who God is

D I S C U S S I O N   Q U E S T I O N S

F O R   F A M I L Y ,   F R I E N D S   &   G R O U P S

1 .   Imagine you could take lessons for something with an expert of your choice, what would you take lessons for and with whom? Explain.

2 .   Why do you think Jesus' disciples wanted him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1)?

3 .   Read II Kings 18:1-7 and make a list of Hezekiah's positive traits. How would living
a   life of devotion to God impact a person's prayer life? (See how many answers you can come up with.)

4 .   Read Isaiah 59:1, 2. What hinders the effectiveness of our prayers? Why? How can this roadblock be removed?

5 .   Read II Kings 18:13-16. Why do you think Hezekiah paid tribute to the king of Assyria--having previously rebelled against him (18:7)? What does that teach you about trusting God? Read II Kings 18:17-37. What tactics do the Assyrians use to undermine Hezekiah's and the Jerusalem citizens' confidence in God?

6 .   Read II Kings 19:14, 15. What did Hezekiah do with the threatening letter that he received from Sennacherib? What are some of the things we do--instead of praying-- when faced with difficult or threatening circumstances?

7 .   Suppose someone came to you and asked: "How can I become a better pray-er?"

8 .   What 4 or 5 practical pieces of advice would you give them? Why is it important to have set times of daily prayer rather than only praying on-the-run? When/Where would be the best time/place for you to pray with regularity?

9 .   Read II Kings 19:15-19. What is the focus of Hezekiah's prayer? Make a list of everything that Hezekiah says about God. Why did this focus give Hezekiah courage and peace in the midst of his situation? Why do you think we seldom pray like this?

10.   Find the "Attributes of God" list on CCC's mobile app. Choose a letter of the alphabet and select one (just one) attribute of God that begins with that letter. Tell God (i.e. pray) what that attribute means to you. Do this with two more letters