JOURNEY THROUGH



# GET INTO THE WORD

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GUIDE

THE BIBLE TOGETHER

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# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

## Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

**NOVEMBER FOCUS - COMMUNAL**

Select a question below to ask the group to gauge how you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. How connected do you feel to this group right now, and what would help you feel more connected?
2. What helps you feel like you truly belong in a group?
3. Who in your life (in this group, at church, or beyond) might be feeling unseen or isolated, and how could we reach out to them together this week?

### INTRODUCTION

When pressure rises, our instinct is often to fix it, avoid it, or quietly carry it alone. In 2 Kings 18–19, Hezekiah faced an impossible threat and learned that deliverance doesn't come from panic, money, or self-reliance, but from spreading the burden before the Lord. This invites us to examine what we are relying on, name the "letters" we are carrying, and practice bringing our fears, decisions, and future to God in prayer, trusting that He alone is able to do what we cannot.

# 2 Kings

READ ALOUD

**2 Kings 18:1-6**

DISCUSS

**Opening Question**
Has there been a time in your life when you tried to solve a serious problem entirely on your own? What happened?

- What actions show that Hezekiah relied on the Lord, and why were those actions significant for Judah's spiritual condition?
- Why was it necessary for Hezekiah to destroy the bronze serpent in 2 Kings 18:4?
- What is the difference between appreciating what God has done in the past and turning the past into something we rely on more than God Himself?
- Read **2 Kings 19:10**. How does Sennacherib's message attempt to create doubt about God's ability or willingness to save, and where do people face similar temptations today?

Have someone read aloud **2 Kings 19:14-19**..

- What stands out about the way Hezekiah brings the threatening letter before the Lord, and what does his prayer teach us about how to respond when we feel overwhelmed?
- How does remembering who God is reshape the way we see threats, burdens, and impossible situations?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- How might your current struggle, decision, generosity, or step of obedience become an opportunity for others to see God's faithfulness?
- When you feel threatened, overwhelmed, or afraid, what is usually your first response: control, avoidance, anxiety, spending, people-pleasing, silence, or prayer?

## Wait/Hear Challenge Question

How does your prayer life affect your daily life?

You and your group can join the challenge at waithearchallenge.com

### Praying as a Church - Prayer Week 38

(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

**Praise**

- Praise Him as the God who holds life and death in His hands, and walks beside us through the hardest seasons of our lives. 2 Kings 20
- Praise the Lord that evil does not escape His notice or His judgment, yet He remains faithful even when His people become unfaithful. 2 Kings 21
- Praise God for His mercy in awakening people who have drifted away, and for leaders who respond to Scripture with humility and repentance. 2 Kings 22

**Silence & Solitude**

- Sit quietly with the Lord and ask this question: Who am I when no one is around and watching? Ask the Lord to show you ways that your outward person is different from your inward person.
- Listen for God's invitation to join him in what he is doing rather than coming up with your own plans and agenda.
- Ask God to teach you when to speak and when simply to sit with someone who is hurting. Job 8

**Ask — Allow the Word to Guide Your Prayer Requests**

- Pray for those who are sick, asking God for healing while submitting to His will, and seeking God to give wisdom to steward every additional day He grants. 2 Kings 20
- Pray for wisdom to recognize subtle forms of idolatry: money, success, comfort, approval, politics, relationships, or control. 2 Kings 21
- Continue to pray for revival here at Long Hollow and in churches around our country. 2 Kings 22
- Ask God for faith when you don't understand, and for grace to trust Him without having every question answered. Job 9

**Lament — What Has Grieved You as You Have Read the Word?**

- Confess the tendency to treat God's gifts as possessions rather than gifts. 2 Kings 20
- Lament the ways our culture normalizes things that dishonor God. 2 Kings 21
- Confess when other voices have become more authoritative in your life than Scripture, and seek forgiveness for times when you have neglected God's Word. 2 Kings 22

**Mission**

- Ask God to send missionaries who will lovingly proclaim the truth about the one true God, and ask God to put His Word into the hands of people who have never had access to it.
- Ask God to raise up courageous Christians who will faithfully confront injustice, idolatry, and sin while extending grace.
- Ask God: "Where are You sending me?" Pray for courage to speak God's truth wherever He has already placed you.
- Pray for our Marketplace Ministry, launching at the beginning of next year. May God use our church to reach those in our community.

**This Week**: Food for Families bag collection

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

# Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

2 Kings18-19

**When Hezekiah got a scary letter, what did he do with it, and what can we do when we feel scared or worried?**
*For younger children, help them understand why Hezekiah prayed, and name something that scares them; older children can talk about what they tend to do first: fix it, hide it, carry it, or pray.*

**What does this story teach us about who God is?**
*Younger children may answer, "God is strong" or "God helps us"; older children can look at Hezekiah's prayer and notice that God is the one true God, Maker of heaven and earth, and able to save.*

**What is one hard thing in your life that you can spread out before God this week?**
*For younger children, let them name a simple worry like school, friends, or bedtime fears; older children can share more honestly about stress, decisions, temptation, relationships, or doubts, and then pray together about it.*

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A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 41

- 2 Kings 20 / Job 8
- 2 Kings 21 / Job 9
- 2 Kings 22 / Job 10
- 2 Kings 23 / Job 11
- Jeremiah 1 / Job 12

MEMORIZE: Acts 17:11 Acts 17:24-25

## Even Greater
**evengreatervision.com**

For more information about Even Greater, visit our our webpage above or scan the QR code.

## Wait / Hear - Resources
**Robby Gallaty**

Visit waithearchallenge.com or scan the QR for more resource and the 7-week challenge.

## RESOURCES

**The Bible Project's Guide - Kings**

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **1 and 2 Kings** and its themes.

**The Bible Project's Guide - Job**

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Job** and its themes.

## What's Going On at Long Hollow

- **Long Hollow Pickleball League**- October 15-November 19, 6PM, Pickleball Kingdom
- **Owning Your Faith** - Sundays in November, 11AM, Atrium next to the Information Area.
- **Food for Families** - Food drop-offs are Sundays, November 1-15 at both campuses.

## Starting a D-Group

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.
**longhollow.com/dgroups**

# What's Going On?

Hezekiah becomes king of Judah at age twenty-five and reigns for twenty-nine years (2 Kings 18–19), and these two chapters chronicle a pivotal moment when his faith is tested against the Assyrian superpower.

**Hezekiah's Religious Overhaul**

Hezekiah pursues aggressive religious reform, doing what pleases God by removing high places, shattering sacred pillars, cutting down Asherah poles, and destroying the bronze serpent that had become an object of worship (2 Kings 18–19). His reliance on God distinguishes him from every other Judean king—he remains faithful and obeys God's commands (2 Kings 18–19). He boldly breaks free from Assyrian vassalage that his father had accepted (2 Kings 18–19), asserting Judah's independence through military victories against the Philistines.

**The Assyrian Crisis**

In his fourteenth year, King Sennacherib of Assyria attacks and captures Judah's fortified cities (2 Kings 18–19). Facing overwhelming military pressure, Hezekiah attempts to buy peace by paying enormous tribute—about eleven tons of silver and one ton of gold—by emptying the temple and palace treasuries and stripping gold from the temple doors. Yet despite these efforts, Sennacherib demands Judah's unconditional surrender.

**Taunts and Divine Deliverance**

After his initial failed attempt to purchase peace, Hezekiah refuses to surrender Jerusalem to the besieging Assyrians, consults the prophet Isaiah, receives Isaiah's promise of deliverance, and later prays—with Isaiah responding to that prayer and announcing miraculous divine rescue through an angel, followed by Sennacherib's death. The Assyrians taunt Hezekiah's religious reforms, trying to exploit Judean skeptics who view his revival as a power grab rather than genuine faithfulness.

The narrative demonstrates how authentic trust in God—tested through political pressure, military threat, and public mockery—ultimately proves vindicated when divine intervention saves Jerusalem from destruction.

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# A Bit of Background Context

Hezekiah's reign (approximately 715–687 BC) coincided with Assyrian dominance in the ancient Near East, creating the geopolitical backdrop for these chapters. The narrative opens by establishing Hezekiah as a reforming king who stands apart from his predecessors. He eliminated pagan worship sites and religious objects, including the bronze serpent that had become an object of veneration (2 Kings 18–19). His faithfulness resulted in military success, with God granting Judah victory over neighboring enemies.

The immediate context involves the fall of Israel's northern kingdom. Shalmaneser V captured Samaria during Hezekiah's early reign, followed by Sargon II's rule. During Sargon's tenure, Assyria focused military attention elsewhere and did not campaign in Judah, allowing Hezekiah a period of relative peace to consolidate power and prepare defenses.

The crisis erupts when Sennacherib assumed Assyrian rule around 705 BC and redirected military efforts toward Judah. Though Judah had grown prosperous, the burden of Assyrian vassalage—particularly heavy tribute payments—likely motivated Hezekiah's rebellion, encouraged by apparent weaknesses in Assyrian stability. Hezekiah withheld tribute and attacked the Philistines, seizing the opportunity presented by Sennacherib's succession. In 701 BC, Sennacherib responded by campaigning against Judah's fortified cities and capturing them. This military pressure forces Hezekiah into a desperate negotiation, setting the stage for the dramatic confrontation that unfolds across these two chapters.

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2 Kings 18:1-6

In the third year of Israel's King Hoshea son of Elah, Hezekiah son of Ahaz became king of Judah. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi daughter of Zechariah. He did what was right in the LORD's sight just as his ancestor David had done. He removed the high places, shattered the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses made, for until then the Israelites were burning incense to it. It was called Nehushtan. Hezekiah relied on the LORD God of Israel; not one of the kings of Judah was like him, either before him or after him. He remained faithful to the LORD and did not turn from following him but kept the commands the LORD had commanded Moses.

# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

### MISSIONAL

Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

### ACCOUNTABLE

Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

### REPRODUCIBLE

Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

### COMMUNAL

Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

### SCRIPTURAL

Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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