

LIFEgroups

Open

Go around and let everyone answer the questions.

Has your faith ever been directly challenged, or have you heard someone ridiculing the Lord? Tell about it.

Dig In

Read: Isaiah 37:9-18

"...Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD..."

How did the king of God's people react to the King of Assyria's attempt to discourage him?

Why would King Hezekiah do that?

What are 4 things in King Hezekiah's prayer that grab your attention?

In what ways do believers today receive a message of discouragement or ridicule like Hezekiah?

What main thing can we learn from the way Hezekiah handled this situation?

Close Out

Is there something happening in your life right now you need to "spread before the Lord"?

May we take it before the Lord on your behalf now?

The natural response to witnessing the power and providence of God is through praise. Allow group members to share how God is currently at work in their lives. Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for the things shared.

Leader Notes

The Main Idea

Today's meeting focuses on prayer on behalf of other people.

The Ice Breaker

Use the opening question as a light hearted time for members to share from their own experience. It connects to the discussion by helping us see the setting of this story.

Connecting

Before beginning the discussion, take a moment to let members share highs and lows of their week and pray.

Reaching Out

Consider taking a few minutes at the beginning or end of your meeting to talk about potential people your group could reach out to. Pray that God will use each of you to include new people in your LIFE Group.

Guest Invitations

Remind all group participants to find guests at worship services and invite them to visit your group. Don't worry about where they live in the area, just invite them. Then give them the freedom to visit other groups.