Discussion Questions for Isaiah 36-37

- The central question of the commander's tempting speech is in 36:4–5—"On what are you basing this confidence of yours?… On whom are you depending …?" What reasons does he give for trusting the king of Assyria rather than depending on the Lord (see 36:7–10, 14–20)?
- How would you refute the commander's arguments?
- Have you ever been tempted and threatened as the field commander tempted Jerusalem's people? How should we deal with this kind of temptation?
- How do the people respond to the commander's threats and promises (see 36:21–22) and why is or isn't this a good way to respond to this kind of temptation?
- What does Hezekiah do when he hears the words of the field commander and so you see Hezekiah's actions as a godly response to this crisis?
- What can we learn about prayer from 37:14–20?
- From 37:15–20, describe what Hezekiah believes about God.
- The Lord's answer to Hezekiah's prayer is a prophecy against Sennacherib and a promise for Hezekiah (see 37:21–35). What does this tell you about God's character?
- Compare what happened to Hezekiah in his temple (see 37:14–35) to what happened to Sennacherib in his (see 37:38). What can we learn from this?
- What do these chapters teach us about trusting God?