

## Hezekiah King of Judah - 2 Kings 18:1-16

**Topics:** Comparisons, Covenant, Faithfulness, Gifts, Idolatry, Law, Obedience, Rebellion, Renewal, Right, Submission, Success, Trust, Victory, Wealth

### Open It

- \* 1. What reformer of the church or society do you admire?
- 2. What five years of your life do you view as the most successful, and why?

### Explore It

- 3. How long was the reign of Hezekiah son of Ahaz in Judah? (18:1-2)
- 4. How did Hezekiah compare to King David? (18:3)
- 5. What were some of the ways that Hezekiah brought Judah into compliance with God's law? (18:4)
- 6. Why did Hezekiah destroy a historical national artifact? (18:4)
- \* 7. Where does Hezekiah stand morally among the kings of the separate kingdom of Judah? (18:5)
- \* 8. To what did Hezekiah turn for direction in governing Judah? (18:6)
- \* 9. How did God reward Hezekiah for his faithfulness? (18:7-8)
- 10. What was happening in Israel at the time Hezekiah assumed the throne in Judah? (18:9-11)
- 11. Why did misfortunes come upon some of the Hebrew people, the kingdom of Israel? (18:12)
- 12. What happened in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah's reign? (18:13)
- 13. With what message did Hezekiah appease the king of Assyria, to whom he had not been paying the expected tribute? (18:14)
- 14. What price did Hezekiah have to pay to get the Assyrian army to leave Judah? (18:14-16)

### Get It

- 15. Why was David always the standard of comparison for the kings of Israel and Judah?
- 16. What symbol of the mercy of God had itself become an idol in Judah?
- 17. Why did Hezekiah destroy the bronze snake that Moses had made?
- 18. How is it possible for symbols of Christian faith and history to become idols to us?
- 19. What do we need to do whenever a thing or person becomes an idol to us?
- \* 20. What are the stark contrasts between the kingdoms of Israel and Judah at this point in history?
- 21. Why is it noteworthy when someone consistently obeys God?
- 22. What indications do we have of the intimidating power of Assyria?
- 23. What was difficult about what Hezekiah did in obeying God?
- \* 24. Why is obedience to God's commands part and parcel of truly worshiping Him?
- 25. In what way is it difficult to serve God?

### Apply It

- \* 26. What can you do this week to remind yourself that God is above all things and people in your life?
- 27. What difficult Christian responsibility do you want to fulfill more consistently?
- 28. What call for reform can you help your church to take seriously?