

## Hezekiah's Illness - 2 Kings 20:1-21

**Topics:** Achievements, Ambassadors, Death, Ego, Faithfulness, Foolishness, Gifts, Goodness, Healing, Ignorance, Miracles, Peace, Prayer, Preparation, Pride, Promises, Prophecy, Questions, Remembering, Salvation, Security, Sickness, Sorrow, Wealth

### Open It

- \* 1. If it were up to you, what age would you like to be when you die?
- 2. How do you feel when someone shows you all of his or her most valuable possessions?
- 3. What do most parents want for their children and their children's children?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What message from the Lord did Isaiah carry to Hezekiah when he was at the point of death? (20:1)
- \* 5. How did Hezekiah respond to his own impending death? (20:2-3)
- \* 6. What second message and set of promises did God give to Hezekiah? (20:4-6)
- 7. After Hezekiah had heard God's promises, what did he request from God? (20:8)
- 8. Of the signs that Isaiah offered to show Hezekiah, which did Hezekiah choose and why? (20:9-11)
- 9. Who sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah when he was ill? (20:12)
- 10. What did Hezekiah show the messengers from Babylon? (20:13)
- 11. When Isaiah heard what had happened, what did he predict about Babylon? (20:14-18)
- 12. Why did Hezekiah call the prophecy about Judah's future good? (20:19)

### Get It

- \* 13. In what sense might it have been better for Judah if Hezekiah had died at the earlier date?
- \* 14. From God's perspective why do you think our heart's desire is or is not always best for us?
- 15. What was good or bad about Hezekiah asking for a sign that God's promise regarding his illness would be fulfilled?
- 16. In what ways did the Lord show patience to Hezekiah?
- 17. What would have been a better reaction to the news that Hezekiah's descendants would suffer for his folly?
- 18. What is unwise about boasting and showcasing our possessions?
- 19. What drives us to try to impress our peers?

### Apply It

- \* 20. What prayer that reflects your heart's desire do you need to submit to the wisdom of an all-knowing God?
- 21. In what company might it be wise for you to resist talking about your "blessings" because it might stir up envy or covetousness in your listeners?