Focus of Week 4

In life there are pivot conversations that change the course of our story. For Israel, Hezekiah's conversation with the Prophet Isaiah set the course for Jerusalem's downfall. This week, we'll look at Hezekiah's response so that we can better avoid some of life's pitfalls.

Connect

1. Who has spoken positively into your life? What difference has that made? Was there specific moment or conversation that you could share as an example?

2. Can you share a time when someone confronted you about a blind spot you had or a poor choice you were making? What was your response? What did they do that was helpful or not helpful in that conversation?

Discuss

Hezekiah did many powerful things and ushered in religious reform. Hezekiah and Jerusalem withstood Sennacherib, king of Assyria, because he trusted in the Lord (2 Kings 19:14-19). But years have passed and Hezekiah's trust and dependence on God has waned.

3. What stood out to you from Sunday's message? Why?

4. What would you say was the main take-away?

Read Isaiah 39 (a parallel to this story is found in 2 Kings 20:12-21).

5. Last week, you looked at the strengths in Hezekiah's leadership. What weaknesses do you see in these verses?

6. What do you think of Isaiah's warning to Hezekiah? What do you make of Hezekiah's response to him in Isaiah 39:8 (parallel in 2 Kings 20:19)?

Read 2 Chronicles 32:25-26.

7. How does the issue of pride prevent repentance?

8. How would you define or describe repentance? In what ways have you seen repentance, to God or others, change something in your life?

9. Pride keeps us from receiving correction from others. We all have blind spots. How can you make yourself more open to correction?

10. Is there an area of your life right now that you are ignoring wisdom? Or are you purposefully hiding things from those in your life that might speak wisdom? If you feel comfortable, what is one area?

11. How can those in your group support you in your response to this week's message or in your response to question 10 above?