

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **August 4, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes). Please read the sermon passage (2 Chronicles 32) together out loud.

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1. Times of blessing are given to us in order to **prepare** us for threatening times. Jesus had a lot of time to prepare for his public ministry and had a spiritual mountain top after the preparation (his baptism, **Matthew 3:13-17**). Then he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. What preparation can you be making (spiritually, financially, in mentoring relationships, mentally, relationally or physically) now?
2. God surrounds us with great experts and mentors. It is an act of humility to ask others for help and advice about preparing for the future. **Who** has God given you to show you how to prepare for the days of “siege” to come? What questions about preparing should you be asking? (**2 Chronicles 32:3-5**)
3. The world around you will try to get you to believe that your God cannot save you, or will not save you in your day of trouble. Where have you experienced messages of doubt about God’s power or love? How do you combat this propaganda? (**2 Chronicles 32:9-19, see Psalm 50:1-6**)
4. How have you seen and experienced God’s deliverance in threatening times? How has God shown himself faithful to you? (**Joshua 4:1-9**)
5. Hezekiah prayed that God would keep his promise to provide a king on the throne through David’s line. God answered his prayer. Praying biblically about your situation is praying that God would be glorified through your life, and NOT praying that God would simply remove a trial or “bless” me or make me comfortable. What promise of God can you pray for in the midst of your trial? (**Job 40:1-5, 42:1-3; Psalm 37:1-7**)