

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

The King is Trustworthy

1. Can you think of a time in life where you have found it difficult to trust God? How did you cope? What helped you get through that time?
2. *Read Isaiah 36:1-10.* What situation does King Hezekiah and the city of Jerusalem find themselves in in these verses? How does what the Field Marshal says highlight the seriousness of the situation? What is the tone of his claims?
3. Essentially the chief question of this passage is put by the Field Marshal in verse 5... 'On whom are you depending?' Why is this such an important question for Hezekiah? Why is it important for us to hear this question in our lives?
4. *Read Isaiah 36:11-22.* Why did Hezekiah's officials want the Field Marshal to speak in Aramaic? What was his response? What did he offer to entice the men?
5. How would this have unnerved the people in the city? What does the response of the men on the wall (verse 21) show about who they are loyal to?
6. *Read 37:1-4* What is Hezekiah's immediate reaction to the threat of the Assyrian King? What does he believe the claims of the Field Marshal are actually doing (4)? Why does he send for Isaiah in this situation?
7. In what ways are the actions of Hezekiah a model for us when confronted with great challenges to our faith? Where ought we to turn in such situations?
8. *Read Isaiah 37:5-13* How is the King of Assyria's letter confronting to a people trying to trust God?
9. *Read Isaiah 37:14-20* Where does Isaiah turn upon receiving the letter? What does his prayer show about where his trust lies? What does it show about his understanding of the God he is trusting in?
10. *Read 37:21-38* What does God say the end result of the King of Assyria's threat will be? Who will have the last laugh? What ends up happening to Sennacherib (36-38)
11. When you are going through difficult times in life what truths about God will help you to trust him? Where will you turn to for strength in such times?