

The Gospel According to Isaiah
From **RUIN** To **REDEMPTION**



Small Group Questions

Message: “Distress and Deliverance.”

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Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

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Text: Isa 36-38

Isaiah 36 – The Threat from Assyria

1. **What tactics does the Assyrian field commander use to intimidate Jerusalem?**
– How do these reflect the ways fear and doubt challenge our trust in God today?
2. **In what ways does the field commander distort the truth about God and His promises?**
– How can we discern between truthful warnings and faithless lies in our own lives?

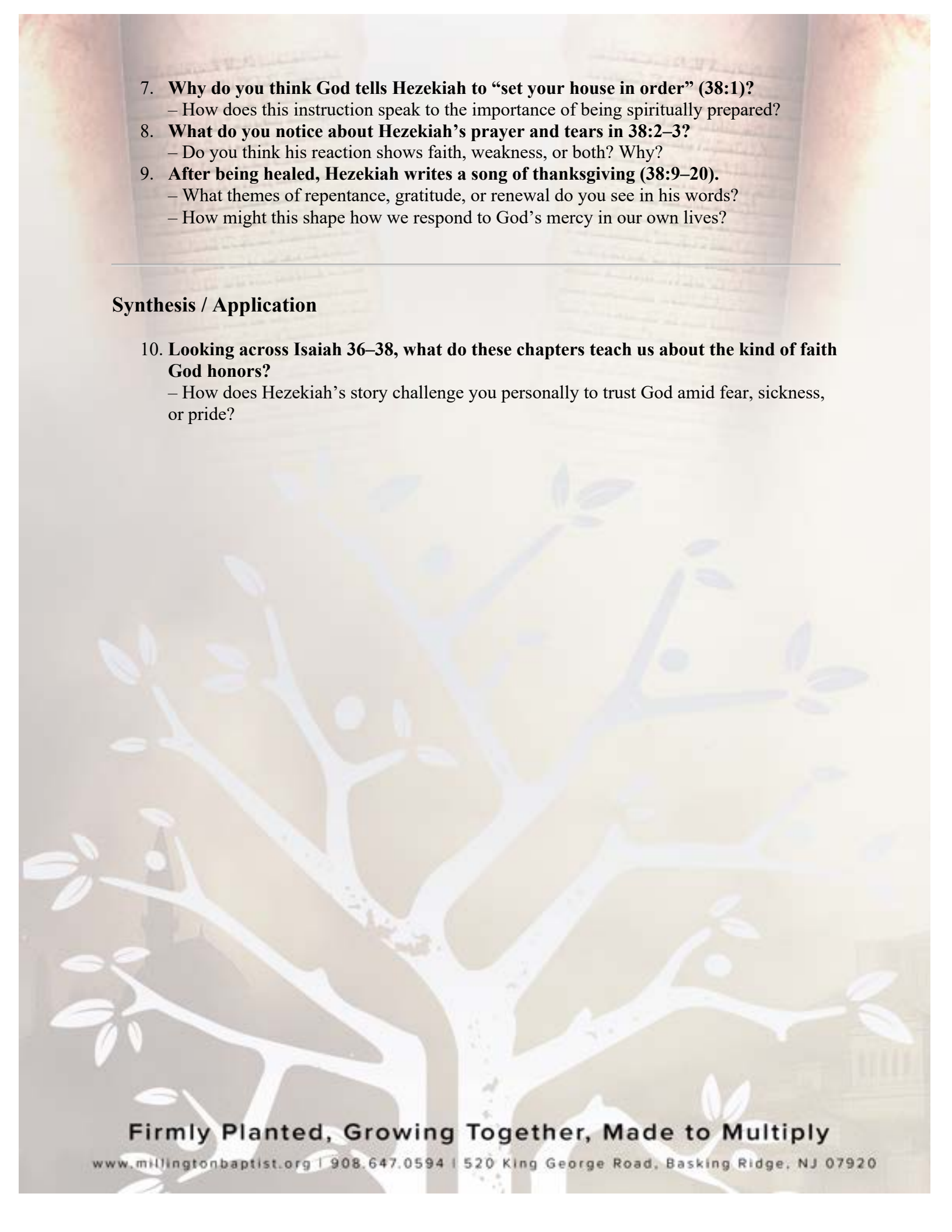
Isaiah 37 – Hezekiah’s Response and God’s Deliverance

3. **When Hezekiah hears the enemy’s threats, what does he do first (37:1–2)?**
– What does this teach us about how to respond to crises?
4. **Why is Hezekiah’s prayer in 37:14–20 such a model of faith?**
– What stands out to you about how he approaches God in prayer?
5. **How does God’s response through Isaiah demonstrate both His sovereignty and compassion?**
– What comfort can believers take from the way God defends His people here?
6. **What do you learn about God’s character from the miraculous defeat of the Assyrian army (37:36–38)?**
– How should this shape the way we view threats that seem impossible to overcome?

Isaiah 38 – Hezekiah’s Illness and Healing

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7. **Why do you think God tells Hezekiah to “set your house in order” (38:1)?**
 - How does this instruction speak to the importance of being spiritually prepared?
 8. **What do you notice about Hezekiah’s prayer and tears in 38:2–3?**
 - Do you think his reaction shows faith, weakness, or both? Why?
 9. **After being healed, Hezekiah writes a song of thanksgiving (38:9–20).**
 - What themes of repentance, gratitude, or renewal do you see in his words?
 - How might this shape how we respond to God’s mercy in our own lives?
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Synthesis / Application

10. **Looking across Isaiah 36–38, what do these chapters teach us about the kind of faith God honors?**
 - How does Hezekiah’s story challenge you personally to trust God amid fear, sickness, or pride?

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