



December 6, 2020
Longing for Deliverance
Isaiah 7:1-17



CELEBRATION - HOW DID YOU SEE GOD THIS WEEK AS YOU FOLLOWED HIM?



WORD - WHAT DID GOD SAY IN HIS WORD?

Opening Question: Think about something that made you afraid. How did you handle that fear?

If we don't process our fear, then we can be paralyzed by our fear. In today's passage, the king of Syria and king of Israel were coming to wage war against Jerusalem. Ahaz, the king of Judah, and his people were shaken by fear instead of putting their faith in God.

Read together: Isaiah 7:1-17

Reflect together:

What does Isaiah tell King Ahaz to do first? (v. 4) What assurances does Isaiah give to King Ahaz that the king of Syria and Israel's plans will not prevail? (v.7-9) How does trusting that God's purposes will ultimately prevail help us overcome fear?

Ahaz said that he did not want to put the Lord to a test, so he did not ask for a sign. His words, which sounded pious and spiritual, were actually cloaked in unbelief. In 2 Kings 16, he put his hope of deliverance in Assyria rather than in God. However, God still gives Ahaz a sign, which is the hope of Immanuel. How would this sign be fulfilled? (v.14-16)



HEART - WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME THROUGH HIS WORD?

The isolation and pressures caused by Covid-19 can take a toll on our emotional and mental health. What are some things that are making you fearful or anxious right now? When fear or anxiety rise in our hearts, how can we continually put our faith in the promises of God?

Read 1 Peter 5:10–11, "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." How does meditating on this promise strengthen your faith? What are some other promises in Scripture that you are holding onto right now? Perhaps it is a promise that directly addresses one of your fears or anxieties.



WORLD - WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

Pick one promise in Scripture to memorize this week and share that passage with the group.

What areas are you longing for God's deliverance? Join together in praying for his deliverance in those areas.