

# Season 2 Study 7: Hezekiah's Illness

# THE BIG YEAR

*A Journey through God's Word*

***Have you enjoyed spending time in the Scriptures this week? Any new revelations?***

1. If you knew your life was going to end exactly 15 years from now, how would it change the way you live today? What would you do with the time you had? What would you stop doing?

## **READ 2 KINGS 20:1-11**

2. What does it mean to 'set your house in order' (vs1)? What would YOU need to do to get your house in order?
3. King Hezekiah was only about 39 years old at this point, so was understandably upset and cried out to God. On what basis did King Hezekiah appeal to God to change His mind (vs 3)? What is his main argument? Is he right?
4. Is vs 5-6 suggesting that God actually changed His mind? Does God really do that?
5. What two reasons does God give as to why He will extend Hezekiah's life and defend the city (vs 6)?
6. What did Isaiah use the fig cakes for? What role (if any) did they have in the King's healing (vs 7)? What does this teach us about the role of modern medicine in God's healing work?
7. Why did Hezekiah still ask for a sign? Was he wrong to do so?

## **READ 2 KINGS 20:12-21**

8. Why was Hezekiah so keen to entertain these Babylonian envoys?
9. Why did the prophet Isaiah rebuke Hezekiah? What had he done that was unwise?
10. What does Hezekiah's response to the rebuke (vs 19) tell us about his heart in those last years of his life?
11. Why did Hezekiah not weep and pray over this judgment from the Lord, as he did over the previous one?
12. What lessons can we learn from Hezekiah's leadership? How is he like Jesus, and how is he unlike Jesus?

***"And (Hezekiah) did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done." (2 Kings 18:3)***