

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

Isaiah 7:1-25

Featured Scripture Reflection

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14, NIV)

Opening Icebreaker

When you were age 12 or 13, where were you living and who were your heroes?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- The events described here happen during the reign of Ahaz, some 15 years after the events described in chapter 6. What danger is threatening Ahaz’s kingdom?
- What is the point of discussing the various ‘heads’ in relationship to the head of Judah? (vs.8-9)
- Ahaz was known as an evil king, so what do you make of his response in verse 12?
- What is the sign that God promises to give to Ahaz? How does this sign fit the crisis of the moment?
- What images are used to show what is going to happen to Israel? (vs.18-25)

How is your life touched?

- What situation are you facing that is very frightening? What are the forces involved? On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the most, how trusting of God are you in this situation?
- What are your barriers to trusting God in fearful situations?
- Ahaz masked his trust in God with a false sense of humility. When have you seen people cover over their sin with a false veneer of piety?
- Matthew 1:23 demonstrates God’s fulfillment of the promise made to Ahaz. When facing a crisis how is Jesus your Immanuel?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- Jesus invites you to trust in God no matter what the circumstances might be. What one thing will help you grow in trust with God this week? How can the Lifegroup help you?

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a congregation of people who actually, without any veneer, trust God in all circumstances.