



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 1.5.25  
2 Kings 18-19 // Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① How did you first come to CVC (what brought you here), and how long have you been a part of this church family (why have you stayed)?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

**Create Context (5 min):** The Sermon Recap Video can be found [at this link!](#)

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

**Read 2 Kings 18-19.**

- ② Look over the CVC Passions in the Sermon Notes from this past Sunday. Which of these passions have you seen grow in your own life or in the lives of those around you because of involvement with CVC and in our church community?
- ③ Pastor Joe said in the sermon on Sunday that, “We can be loving and winsome while holding to the truth. But we must NEVER compromise the truth in order to seem loving and winsome.”
  - Why do you think it can be so tempting to compromise truth in our lives in order to be liked, respected, or admired?
  - Can you think of a time when you were tempted to compromise truth in order to seem loving and winsome? What happened, and how did God use that experience or circumstance to reveal Himself to you and help you grow?
  - What do you think it looks like for you to “be loving and winsome while holding to the truth” in your life right now, particularly as you think about living out and sharing the gospel with friends, family, coworkers, etc.?



- ④ Read 2 Kings 18:1-3. In his sermon, Pastor Joe talked about how Hezekiah is remembered as a faithful king. However, as we heard, there was at least one time when he compromised his faith in God because of his fear of man (see 18:13-15). However, later on, Hezekiah regretted his sin and his fear of man (19:1) and came before the Lord in repentance.
- Read 2 Kings 19:19 and 19:35-37. What happened when Hezekiah repented? What did God do in response to Hezekiah's prayer?
  - Even though Hezekiah stumbled in his faithfulness, his legacy is one of faith in God because he repented and came to God asking for forgiveness and help. He did not double down on his sin or say, "oh well, I stopped trusting in God once so now I never can turn to Him again!" How does this story about Hezekiah's renewed trust in God give you hope today, when you think about your own life or the life of someone close to you?
- ⑤ As Christians, our salvation is not dependent on our good works, but on the finished work of God accomplished in and through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- In what ways is the story of Hezekiah similar to the gospel story?
  - How might you utilize the story of Hezekiah to share the gospel with someone in your life who needs to turn to the God who loves them and waits for their repentance?
- ⑥ Look again at the two CVC Passions that we focused on this Sunday(see below).
- Living Truth - God's Word is alive, powerful, and relevant to every area of life. At CVC, we passionately engage with the Bible—learning it, praying it, living it, and sharing it.
- God Dependence - True life begins when we stop relying on ourselves and depend fully on God. Prayer fuels our lives, families, and ministries, demonstrating trust in God's power.
- How does the story of Hezekiah illustrate the importance of depending on God?
  - Where do you think you have room to grow when it comes to trusting in God's Word and depending on Him more fully?



## PRAY AND APPLY

1. Pray for Hearts to Embrace God's Word (Living Truth):

Ask God to soften hearts and open minds to fully receive the truth of His Word. Pray that there would be a deep hunger in our congregation to not only hear the Bible but to live it out, even when it costs us.

2. Pray for Boldness in Trusting God (God Dependence):

Pray that the message would inspire bold faith and total dependence on God. Ask the Lord to break any fear, self-reliance, or temptation to compromise, replacing it with courageous trust in His power.

3. Pray that God will give you eyes to see how to share with others the reality that His Word is filled with important truth, and that we are able to trust in Him completely and totally no matter what life brings our way.

4. Pray that CVC will be a community that embrace's God's Word and is bold in trusting God.



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# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 1.5.25

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

## EQUIP

### Sunday Sessions Podcast

Sunday Sessions is a weekly theology class offered in the fall and spring. Each week various topics of doctrine and practice are explored from a conservative, evangelical viewpoint. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 104/106 in the spring! If you can't make it or miss a week, catch up via our podcast [HERE](#).



## CHURCH-WIDE

### Night Of Worship & Prayer

Join us for a powerful evening dedicated to praying for those in our lives who have yet to experience the love and forgiveness of Jesus. Together, we'll lift our voices in worship, stand united in faith, and seek God's heart for friends and family who are still searching. Come be encouraged and discover the impact of prayerful community as we believe for life-changing encounters with Jesus. This is more than an event—it's an invitation to intercede for the people you care about most. We can't wait to see you there!

