

Outline #12 What Have They Seen in Your House?

Praise Him in the Heights (Psalm 148:1-4)

1. King Hezekiah's mistake

- a) 2 Chronicles 32:27-32, What blessings had the Lord showered upon King Hezekiah?
- b) Isaiah 39:1-8 What was King Hezekiah's big mistake when Babylonian emissaries visited Jerusalem? What did he highlight in his guided tour of his home?

2. Your home—a center for hospitality and witness

- a) Give examples of Bible characters who chose to use their homes as a center for hospitality and witness (e.g. Mark 2:13-17; Luke 10:38-39)
- b) Share a testimony about a home you visited where you received Christian hospitality. How was your life impacted by this act of kindness?
- c) How would you respond to a person who says, "My home is far from perfect—how can my home be a place of witness to others?"
- d) Share a time when God gave you an opportunity to give a testimony to someone who visited your home.
- e) How can we become more intentional about using our homes as places to show Christian hospitality and witness about our great and awesome God?

3. Your family—your primary mission field

- a) Acts 1:8 What important reminder can we gain from the words of Jesus to His apostles?

- b) How did the early followers of Jesus model the importance of viewing their own family as a primary mission field? John 1:40-41; Mark 1:27-31
- c) Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 1 Corinthians 11:1 How can we mentor our own children, or those children within our circle of influence, to know and love God?
- d) Who was an important mentor for you in your family?
- e) How can we prepare to serve as mentors to others in our families?

4. Non-believers in your home

- a) How should you live when there are non-believers in your home? (a spouse, children, parents) 1 Corinthians 7:12-15; 1 Peter 3:1
- b) What mistakes should be avoided with interacting with unbelievers in your family? Matthew 7:1-5
- c) What counsel does the apostle Paul give about relationships with unbelievers? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (might this principle also relate to marriage?)
- d) What does it mean to marry "in the Lord"? 1 Corinthians 7:39
- e) What practical assistance can we provide to church members who are challenged by unbelieving family members?

