Outline #12  What Have They Seen in Your House?

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?