



1. **What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.**
  
2. **Throughout your life, what are things you've seen people run to when they get into trouble? What are some of the things you've run to when you've gotten into trouble?**
  
3. **2 Kings 16 & 2 Chronicles 28 give a historical description of the reign of Ahaz. How and what do these chapters contribute to our understanding of Isaiah 7?**
  
4. **Read 2 Chronicles 27:3-4 and 32:2-8. These passages describe Ahaz' father and son doing work to fortify their kingdom against foreign invasion.**
  - a. **Were Jotham and Hezekiah displaying faith or faithlessness as they took these steps? i.e. Was there a difference between their work and Ahaz' alliance with Syria? If so, what?**
  
  - b. **Consider how Psalm 18:29-42 describes the interplay between David's trust in God, and David's actions against his enemies.**
  
  - c. **In our own lives today, how can we tell the difference between faith-filled precautions, and faithless actions which show that we don't really trust God?**
  
5. **Read Romans 8:31-39. How does this passage connect the gospel to the way in which we handle trouble in our lives?**
  
6. **How do you need to respond to this week's sermon passage (or tonight's study)? Are there any steps you need to take in action, thought, emotion, or prayer?**