

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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4. The Lord always _____ and _____
after _____.

The sweep of history in 2 Kings can appear to us brutal, bloody, dark and harsh. In many ways it is. God, too, can seem brutal and harsh to us. But if we will look hard and through the mess, we see signs of the Lord's steadfast love, mercy and grace . . .

1. The Lord sends _____ with His _____
and _____.

5. The Lord's judgment is His _____ rooted
in _____.

2. The Lord repeatedly demonstrates His _____ and
_____ to save.

6. The Lord is faithful to His _____ to send a true
and better _____/_____.

3. The Lord is _____ to _____ and _____.

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CONNECTING Together (20 minutes or so)

In this 4th week of Spring Growth Groups, update one another on what's happening in your lives. Joys and sorrows? Victories and struggles?

STUDYING God's Word Together (20 minutes or so)

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? Thoughts, impressions, questions? How did God speak to you?
2. Read 2 Kings 17-19 together as a group. Divide it up as needed. What's happening in these chapters with the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah? Why is Judah saved and spared at this time?
3. Hezekiah's prayer in 2 Kings 19:14-19 is awesome. What does Hezekiah recognize about God? Why does he ask God to save Judah?

4. Examine the Lord's Word to Sennacherib, king of Assyria in 2 Kings 19:21-28. What's the bottom line here? How can this inform our view of world affairs today?

5. What's the big assertion and presupposition of 2 Kings? Why did the Northern Kingdom of Israel fall in 2 Kings?

6. Of the 6 signs of God's steadfast love, mercy and grace in 2 Kings, which was the most meaningful to you? Why? Which might you have missed in a reading of 2 Kings?

7. How does 2 Kings point us to the Gospel?

PRAYER Together (20 minutes or so)

In view of the Lord's mercies, present yourselves a living and holy sacrifice to the Lord (Romans 12:1). Also share requests and pray for one another.