## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: September 13, 2015 2 Kings 16

- 1. What does 2 Kings 16:1-4 say about King Ahaz of Judah?
  - a. He did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord his God.
  - b. He followed in the ways of the kings of Israel.
  - c. He sacrificed his son in the fire.
  - d. He burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops and under every spreading tree (See also Jeremiah 2:20 and Isaiah 57:5).
- 2. What happened to Ahaz and Judah in 16:5-6?
  - a. Aram and Israel made an alliance.
  - b. The kings of Aram and of Israel besieged Ahaz.
  - c. They could not overpower Ahaz.
- 3. What does God tell Ahaz through the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 7:1-9?
  - a. Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid.
  - b. Do not lose heart.
  - c. These kings have plotted your ruin and want to replace you.
  - d. This won't happen because these kings are the heads of their nations, but if you stand firm in your faith then I will be the head of Judah!
  - e. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.
- 4. Why did God want to save Ahaz?
  - a. He was serving God faithfully.
  - b. He had promised that David's line would not be removed.
  - c. God had not given up on him and was calling him to stand firm in his faith.
- 5. What did Ahaz do, according 2 Kings 16:7-9?
  - a. He sent messengers to ask the King of Assyria for help.
  - b. He became a servant of the King of Assyria.
  - c. He gave Assyria all of the money in the temple and the palace.
- 6. What does God say that He will do in Isaiah 7:17-25 because Ahaz did not respond to the prophet's instruction and stand firm in his faith?
  - a. He will bring on very hard times.
  - b. He will call for the King of Assyria to come as His instrument.
  - c. He will call armies from Assyria and Egypt to come and take away your manhood...your pride and your authority.

7.	What happens when we rely on the help available in our world rather than standing firm in
	ur faith in God?