

## Getting Heard

### Sermon Discussion Questions for 7/31/22

#### Open:

1. On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being low, how comfortable are you praying to God in private?
2. How about praying out loud with others?
3. What have you done that has helped you become more comfortable?

#### Dig:

1. Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-10
2. How would you describe the emotional temperature of Solomon and all of Israel after the dedication of the temple?
3. Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-16
4. Why do you think God would prepare his people for a future where they will turn against him?
5. How would you define "humble themselves"? What does that look like?
6. Why do you think humility is such a key to prayer?
7. What do you think the link between humility, prayer, seeking God's face and turning from our wicked ways is?
8. What is God's promise in this passage? How would that have given hope to people experiencing some of what is described in vs. 13?

#### Share:

1. How do you know God hears your prayers?
2. Describe your prayer life. When do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray?
3. These verses have been used for years to encourage God's people to pray so that "God will heal our land". Knowing that these words were spoken to Israel, a people who had a special relationship as a Nation to God, do you think these verses apply to us living in the United States? Why or why not?