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  + How they see themselves
  + How they see God
* What was the repeated phrase we saw in the last study? How does that help us see sin as God does?

## Listen

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1. What has the King of Assyria got right?
2. What has he got wrong?
3. Why is God angry with him?
4. Who rules really?
5. What will happen to the king?
6. How does this make you feel about bullies?
7. How does this section help us think about
   1. How we see ourselves?
   2. How we see God?

Read Isaiah 10:20-34

1. What will happen to the people?
2. Is there room for boasting? Why/Why not?
3. How does this passage demonstrate the sovereignty of God?
4. How does this passage demonstrate the mercy of God?
5. What is the good news they can remember – how does this section echo Isaiah 9:1-7?

## Make it real

1. How is the complete annihilation of our pride a valid implication of the gospel?
2. How do we allow room for boasting in our Christian life? – What can we do about that?
3. How can we learn to kiss the wave that throws us against the rock of ages?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-11 together. How is Jesus our saviour and example here? What would it look like for us to practice a gospel humility as a church?

## Prayer ideas

* Thank God for his mercy and his absolute sovereignty
* Give thanks that he keeps his promise
* Give thanks that the arrogant and the bullies do not win, in this world or the next
* Prayerfully examine your own heart and bring the Lord ways in which we boast in ourselves and not in him
* Pray for one another to model a gospel humility to one another, and our church as a whole.

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