



Psalm 1 - When Following God is the Priority

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1. **(Do something like this everyone week)** Before we get into sermon discussion questions, let's share about what God has been doing where we live, work, learn, and/or play. Who comes to mind for us to pray for? How have you seen God working with a neighbor where you live, work, learn, play? How have you seen God working with you as you think about showing and sharing Jesus with others? What opportunities, if any, have come up lately where you have been able to join God in showing and sharing Jesus with someone?
2. In verse 1, the psalmist describes three things a blessed man doesn't do. What is significant to you about those three things as you read them together?
3. In verse 2, it shows what a blessed man does do instead. In your own words, what does he do instead? What does it mean to "delight" in the law of the Lord. What does it mean to "meditate" on it?
4. In verse 3, what things strike you from the description of this blessed man?
5. In verses 4-5, the psalmist swings the pendulum back to the opposite direction a life can go. What things strike you from the description of the wicked man?
6. In verse 6, how is a righteous man defined by this passage? How is a sinner or wicked man defined by this passage? Based on this passage, are you a righteous person or a wicked person?
7. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Psalm 2 - When Dealing With Authority

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2. In verses 1-4, what do most rulers and those in authority believe they can do that God just laughs at?
3. In verses 5-6, why would God appointing His own king be so terrifying for these rulers?
4. How do you feel about the fact that you are not as in control or have power over your life as much as you think you do?
5. In verses 7-9, these verses seem to apply to the Father and Jesus. Check out Acts 13:32-33 and Hebrews 5:5. How is Jesus an example for others who are in a position of authority?
6. In verses 10-12, how should those in authority respond to the truths in this Psalm? How do you respond?
7. Check out Acts 4:24-30 to see how the early church applied this Psalm to their response to others in authority. What do you learn from this?
8. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Psalm 3 - When Feeling Betrayed

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2. Read Psalm 3. Have you ever been betrayed? What was your initial reaction to it, and how did God get you through it?
3. Verse 3 gives a pivotal statement, "But You oh Lord". Share a time in your life when turning to God in a situation brought you great hope.
4. Verse 4 describes not a one time event, but a life pattern for David crying out to God. How does this relate to your pattern of interaction with God?
5. Discuss how David turned this horrible experience of betrayal, emotional pain, and nearly being killed into a song of praise, and how we can be more like this in our life?
6. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Psalm 4 - When In Distress

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2. In verse 1, the psalmist tells God to do three things. Why is it significant that David starts the Psalm this way?
3. In verse 3, it shows us that God has set apart people for prayer. What is the distinguishing factor for those who are set apart for prayer, and why does it matter?
4. In verse 4, it says to ponder our emotions in our hearts. Why is that important and what does it look like for you?
5. In verses 6-7, we see people looking to people and external circumstances for relief. What does David do, and why is it better?
6. In verse 8, we see that the psalmist finds resolution, yet we aren't told that anything has changed. How is that possible?
7. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Psalm 5 - When Praying

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2. In verses 1-2, how is prayer more than the words that we speak? What things should we talk to God about? Is there anything we shouldn't talk to Him about?
3. In verse 3, what's the significance about David's habit of praying early in the morning?
4. In verses 4-7, there are three kinds of evil doers talked about here... the boastful, the murderous, and the deceitful. What is it about these three kinds of people that would make it difficult to have a good relational prayer life with God. What are the opposite characteristics that would seem to be key to have a healthy connection with God?
5. In verse 8, David prays for two things. How are these two requests show a selfless, humble, and submissive attitude?
6. In verses 9-11, what are the contrasts between the two different kinds of people David brings up? What key thing makes the first person at odds with God, and what is the key thing about the second person that makes them connected to God?
7. In verse 12, what defines "the righteous" in this passage? What will God do with such a person?
8. What has this passage taught you? What is that one thing you don't want to forget?

Psalm 6 - When In Despair

Questions (use some, none, or all to facilitate a discussion with your group):

1 what is your approach to God when dealing with the guilt of your sin

2 discuss the difficulty in not living by what we feel, but by what the truth is

3 describe a time when the devil attacked you in this way – “he takes a piece of truth, adds a bunch of lies, and sends it to your mind as a single thought”

4 discuss this truth - God revealed to Paul “My power is made perfect in YOUR weaknesses”
Paul replied, “when I am weak, then I am strong”