

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Psalms: Greatest Hits

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Memory Verse: Psalm 23:4 NIV

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: We live a life of devotion as we wait because our God is faithful and delivers.

Read Psalm 40

1. David says he waited patiently on the Lord. What emotions or thoughts well up in you when you think about having to wait for God? How has waiting refined you and your faith? What are you waiting for right now?
2. God took David's problem and made it into a prayer. The prayer became a praise. This new song became an evangelistic track that brings many to the Lord. Your personal testimony about God working in your life, can be very impactful and can bring others to faith. Why do you think personal testimonies are so powerful in sharing faith? How can we make our testimonies clear and impactful for others?
3. Verse 5 declares that God has performed many wonders. Do you ever struggle with identifying or labeling something as coming from God? Do you credit God for moving in your life or do you believe that what has happened is solely a result of choices and decisions that have been made? How can we better recognize God's handiwork in our lives?



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4. Our past experience with God can build a foundation of expectation for what will happen in the future. Share a personal experience where you witnessed God's faithfulness in the past. Does remembering God's previous faithfulness give you confidence for present or future trials? Have you ever doubted God's faithfulness? If so, what helped you regain your trust?
5. What does the Bible teach about the role of sacrifice in God's plan? What would be our modern-day equivalent to the sacrifices of the Old Testament? When David states that God does not desire sacrifices, what is he communicating about what God ultimately wants from us? What does this look like in your life today?
6. Do you find delight in God's will? Is God's will clear to you? How can we gain greater clarity on God's will? Have you ever felt a strong desire to follow God's will? Conversely, when have you struggled to follow God's will?
7. David proclaims how he has not restrained his lips and how he will speak about God's faithfulness and salvation. As you think about sharing your faith with others, what fears does this stir in you? Before the Small Group meets again, who is one person you could have a purposeful faith conversation with? Why have you chosen them?
8. Can you resonate with the emotion David communicates with in verse 12? How does David respond when he is in this spot? From what you have read and learned in this psalm, how will you respond the next time these feelings crash over you?



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