

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: In times of stress and distress, relinquish control because God's provisions are best.

Read Psalm 18:1-6

1. David recounts the goodness of the Lord and describes Him as a rock, fortress, deliverer, refuge, shield, horn, and stronghold. What do these symbols convey about the character of God? Which of these would you most like to experience from God today? What symbolism would you use to describe your experience with God?
2. This Psalm mentions various forms of distress that David was experiencing. What are some of the "snares" you have encountered or are encountering now? How did David respond to these challenges? How do you respond when you are being stressed?
3. When David cries out to the Lord, we see that God hears. Do you ever struggle with believing that God hears your prayers? If so, why? What does it look like for you to grow in this area and view God as someone who hears your prayers?



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Read Psalm 18:7-19

4. Just as parents protect their children, God is passionate about caring for His children. Have you ever struggled to believe in God's good care for His children? When we talk about God wanting what is good for us, what are the good things He wants for us? What is the best good: material blessing or being made more into His likeness?
5. David writes, "but the Lord was my support." Have you ever felt like God was your only source of strength? If so, describe that experience. In addition to God, who provides support for you in difficult times? Are you able to ask for help when you need it? If not, what keeps you from reaching out, or what prevents you from accepting help when others reach out?

Read Psalm 18:20-27

6. All humanity struggles with sin, and David had sins of his own. But what David did consistently was turn back to God. Each of us has the choice to pursue God or pursue sin. When do you find the choice to obey God more difficult than the choice to follow sin? Have you had to make any difficult choices recently between pursuing God or pursuing sin?
7. Some non-believers adhere to a sense of karma. As Christians, we believe in the concept of sowing and reaping. How are these two things different? How have you seen the principle of sowing and reaping played out in your life spiritually?

Read Psalm 18:28-50

8. David speaks a lot about experiencing victory over his enemies through God's strength. When you experience victory, how do you give God the credit? Have you ever become prideful and looked to yourself to solve life's obstacles? How do you respond in seasons where you do not feel like you are experiencing victory?



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