

<u>*Guidelines*</u>: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion: Psalm 73

- 1. Read and review the main points of the sermon.
 - a. Admit your doubt and don't wait to unpack it because it involves more than an intellectual problem
 - i. Start with what Asaph saw
 - ii. Look at what Asaph was going through
 - iii. Look at what is raging in Asaph's heart besides sorrow and pain
 - b. Resist the urge to isolate yourself. Move closer to God's people
- 2. <u>Reflect and Ruminate</u> on areas that resonated with you:
 - a. Have you ever thought, "Is godliness worth it or a waste of time?" Explain your answer.
 - b. Do you struggle with praying your feelings out loud and processing your emotions to the Lord? Explain your answer?
 - c. When you are struggling, do you press into the community of God or do you tend to isolate yourself?



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- 3. <u>Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions</u>:
 - a. What are some things that you see in life that cause you to have spiritual "vertigo" and get you off balance in your thinking? How does that "Vertigo" cause you to doubt (have double-vision)?
 - b. How has your suffering been self-inflicted and prolonged because of your sinful desires being mixed in it?
 - c. Our doubts are never intellectual in nature but come through experiences of pain? What personal experiences in life cause you to doubt?
- 4. <u>Request</u>:
 - a. How can we encourage and pray for you with regards to what you shared?
 - b. What steps of faith and obedience you can take this week to help you change your thinking and actions?
- 5. <u>Remember the Gospel</u>:
 - a. Jesus is the only one who suffered and did not sin. Rejoice that we have a faithful high priest who was tempted as we are yet without sin (Heb 4:15-16)

Prayer Emphasis:

Praise & Prayer: spend some time thanking God for never leaving or forsaking you, even when you are "like a beast toward him" (v22). Nothing separates us from His love