

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS



Psalm 34 (ESV)

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. *I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.* ²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹²What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Next Week: Psalm 35

June 10, 2018

TALK SHEET

1. The inscription suggests 1 Samuel 21:10-15 is the setting for this Psalm. How do you imagine David felt during this experience? How do you think he felt about God? Why?
2. This Psalm is an acrostic, or “A-B-C”, prayer of thanksgiving. Stop and pray with your group now. Give thanks to God using an acrostic format. Then discuss – How does the imposed structure change the way you prayed? How might it shape the way this psalm is written?
3. How have you tasted and seen that the Lord is good (8)?
4. Thanksgiving is one theme of this text. Wisdom is another. What elements of biblical wisdom do you see here (9-22)?
5. What is your favorite verse in this psalm? Why?
6. Pray for wisdom for each other.