

# SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

## Psalm 54 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, "Is not David hiding among us?"

*O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.*

*<sup>2</sup> O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.*

*<sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.*

*Selah*

*<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.*

*<sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.*

*<sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.*

*<sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.*

Next Week: Psalm 55

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## TALK SHEET

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1. The Ziphites are from David's tribe, Judah, but are loyal to Saul. Does knowing this make the setting of the psalm easier or harder? Why?
2. Read 1 Samuel 23:19-24 and 26:1. They had to betray David twice. Have you ever experienced that level of betrayal? What is the closest you have ever been? Explain.
3. You have probably never met a Ziphite. On what occasion might you call upon the name of the Lord?
4. List the various ways he expresses trust in God that are recorded in this psalm.
5. On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you that God hears your prayers? Explain.
6. Pray for the others in your group that they will experience the presence of God.