

PSALMS

OUR LIFE IN GOD'S HANDS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE
WEEK FOUR

The Big Idea

In week four we see how God fulfills us when we remain faithful to Him. We will discover, like Asaph, that the reward of following God is far greater than the rewards of following the enemy and the ways of the world. We will understand how acknowledging and dealing with sin in our own heart will allow us to maintain God's perspective in our life.

Things to Remember

"Deep, lasting fulfillment is found in our relationship with God, above all worldly offerings."

Next Steps

In the coming week, make a conscious effort to seek moments of quiet reflection, perhaps in the morning or evening, to contemplate your relationship with God and areas of life where you might be seeking fulfillment outside of Him. Engage in a daily practice of journaling your thoughts and prayers, specifically focusing on aspects of your life where you need God's guidance to realign your priorities towards Him. Consider initiating a conversation with a trusted friend or mentor about your journey towards finding fulfillment in God, sharing insights and challenges. This exchange can provide mutual encouragement and accountability as you both pursue a deeper connection with God.

Discussion Questions

1. Asaph grapples with the prosperity of the wicked versus the righteousness of the faithful. Can you recall a personal realization that reshaped your understanding of true prosperity?
2. When Asaph enters God's sanctuary, his perspective shifts. Describe a moment when an encounter or experience significantly altered your outlook on life's challenges.
3. The psalmist moves from external observations to introspection about his own heart. How has self-reflection led you to a deeper appreciation of God's sufficiency?
4. The Psalm ends with Asaph's determination to stay near God and proclaim His works. How does this resolve inspire your own faith journey, especially in moments of doubt or struggle?

Closing Prayer

God, we thank You for the profound truth that our ultimate fulfillment comes from You alone. Guide our hearts and minds as we navigate the complexities of this life, keeping us anchored in Your love and truth. Help us to recognize the fleeting nature of worldly gains and find our true joy and satisfaction in Your presence. Amen.

Key Verses

Psalm 72, Psalm 73

