

Small Group Resource Guide

Psalm 73 - Week of 10/14/2020

Open in prayer

Video Intro

Group Time

- **Personal Reflection** (5 min.): Think about a time in your life (maybe it's now) when it seemed that everyone else had it great and everything for you was hard and wrong. Journal about how you were feeling. *You're a Good, Good Father*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfJrxvVnmkE>
- **Exploration**: Everyone take a few minutes to look through verses 2-16 and use the chart below to write down how the Psalmist describes the wicked, himself, and God. *Note: There will be another chart, but this will end up being a visual exercise so it is important that everyone fill out both charts.*

Wicked	Psalmist	God
v. 2-16		

Take a moment to look at v. 10-11. What do these verses tell about the relationship between the wicked and God's people? What do the wicked tell God's people? Contrast those verses with v. 15. What does v. 15 tell us about the relationship between the Psalmist and God's people? What does he say to them?

Everyone take a few minutes to look through verses 18-28 and use the chart below to write down how the Psalmist describes the wicked, himself, and God.

Wicked	Psalmist	God
v. 18-28		

Take a moment to notice the last verse of this Psalm – where does the Psalmist end?

Compare/contrast the two tables. What stands out? What is the focus of each?

Did the Psalmist's circumstance change? What changed him? Where did he go? What is the meaning of where he went?

- **Video wrap-up**
- **Application questions:**
 - Re-read the first and last verse of this passage noticing the “good” in each. What is good? Who is good? How can knowing what/who is “good” help you in difficult times?
 - Share the time in your life (maybe it's now) you were thinking about in the personal reflection at the beginning (a time when it seemed that everything was great for everyone else, but not for you). How can this Psalm help you to move to praising God?
 - How does this Psalm encourage you even in your doubts? What characteristics of God are revealed in how He cares for you in your doubts?
 - Share a time you would describe as a “sanctuary” experience.
- **Prayer Requests**

For Further Study

- **Examine:** Meditate on v. 25-26, write them out in your journal or just on a sheet of paper. Be honest with yourself about to what degree you can claim these verses as true for yourself. Consider what it would take for you to come to completely agree with them as true for you.
- **Share:** PS. 37, 49, and 73 are often looked at together. Partner with someone in your group and one of you study PS. 37 and one study PS. 49. Discuss how they help and encourage you alongside PS. 73.
- **Worship:** *Lord, You are More Precious than Silver*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKmlrlzTHXY>