

# CIA Questions for Psalms (Hebrew Wisdom/ Poetry)

*(Use this sheet to prepare for CG Discussion.)*

## Context

- Which Psalms are we reading this week? \_\_\_\_\_
- What do you see as the general message of this group of psalms? (e.g., Happy or sad? Full of faith or doubt? Looking to the past or the future?)
  
- What particular Psalm is your CG focusing on this week? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there any clues about the circumstances in which the passage was written?
  1. From the preceding & following psalms?
  
  2. From the superscription (if there is one)?
  
  3. Is there another passage of Scripture to which you can refer back? List it & briefly recount the back story.

## Investigation

- What is the flow of the psalm?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

- What is the main idea of this psalm (i.e., the point that the flow of the psalm highlights)
- Does anything in your reading surprise you?
- Is anything in your reading difficult to understand? Write them out as a question.
- Are there any specific instructions/commands given to the reader? Are there any consequences mentioned for not obeying?
- How does the author motivate (or make his appeal) the reader?
- What does this passage teach us about God, about His people, or about life in His world?
- Does the passage point to Jesus in any way? Is the gospel foreshadowed here?

## Application (So What?)

- How does this passage challenge the way that I *think*?
- How does this passage challenge what I *care most about* in my life (attitudes & priorities)?
- How does this passage *convict me* of areas in my life that are not lining up with God's will and way?
- What will I *do this week* to live out what the Spirit of God has shown me from His Word?

# CIA Context Worksheet for Psalms (Preparation for the One Psalm through a Big Picture view of the Group of Psalms)

- Which Psalms are we reading this week? \_\_\_\_\_
- What particular Psalm is your CG focusing on this week? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the main idea & general flow of the Psalms in our reading this week?

1. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Point of the Psalm –
  
  - Flow of the Psalm
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2. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Point of the Psalm –
  
  - Flow of the Psalm
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3. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Point of the Psalm –
  
  - Flow of the Psalm
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4. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_
- Main Point of the Psalm –
  
  - Flow of the Psalm
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5. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
▪ Main Point of the Psalm –

▪ Flow of the Psalm

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6. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
▪ Main Point of the Psalm –

▪ Flow of the Psalm

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7. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
▪ Main Point of the Psalm –

▪ Flow of the Psalm

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8. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
▪ Main Point of the Psalm –

▪ Flow of the Psalm

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9. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_  
▪ Main Point of the Psalm –

▪ Flow of the Psalm

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