

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **June 12, 2022**, sermon, "God Alone." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 62) together out loud.

Passage Outline

IN OUR TIMES OF INTENSE TRIALS, NOTE . . .

1. The salvation that God alone has provided. (1-4)
 - a. God made a promise that he would reconcile his people to himself. (Gen 3:15; 12)
 - i. The ultimate fulfillment of that promise is Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Salvation is in God and from God and for God.
 - b. We will often wait to ultimately see and experience this salvation.
 - i. Trusting and waiting are intrinsically linked together in the Christian life.
 - ii. We must develop the ability to make our very souls a place of quiet waiting.
 - iii. While we wait, we worship God in silence from our hearts.
 - c. When we appeal to God, we are never alone. But we learn we are here for God alone.
2. The hope that God alone has instilled. (5-8)
 - a. David is now "teaching himself," remembering that he must "wait in (faithful) silence."
 - b. We shall not only "not be greatly shaken" (2), with a learned heart, we have resolve that I "shall not be shaken" (at all) because God is my fortress.
3. The outcome that God alone has assured. (9-12)
 - a. The future is not a sovereign enemy to harm us. It is the obedient servant of God.
 - b. All the power belongs to God and we can trust him to keep all his promises faithfully.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: While surely uncertain and unseen things will come your way, your salvation is sure and safe as you trust God. Do you trust God? What is your biggest fear? How does your faith in God cast out fear?
2. Based on #1, above: As trials intensify, we must develop a "quiet sanctuary within the soul," where we get low and quiet, and tune our ears to listen only for God and only to God. The entrance to this sanctuary requires faith in God. In what ways are you developing this sanctuary? How does God's presence there act as "rock" and assure his salvation?
3. Based on #2, above: When we have hope, we base every expectation about the future on God acting faithfully according to his Word. We usually have to wait for him. We instruct our soul that "we will not be shaken." Are you growing in life-changing, attitude-adjusting hope? How does "instructing yourself" galvanize your mindset?
4. Based on #3, above: God has never let you down. And no point in history or personal affliction has ever cancelled out his promises. Every detail in this world is perfectly in God's hand and will be used by him to draw people to faith in Jesus and to make his name great. How does absolute confidence in a certain God-glorify outcome inform your heart and expectations today?