

GETTING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

(God's Songbook: A Journey Through the Psalms – Part 10)

March 5, 2023

The Passage: Psalm 73

Asaph's _____ - v.1

Asaph's admission- vs. 2,3

Asaph's struggle- vs. 4-16

Asaph's _____ - vs. 17-28

When you're doubting:

Pour out _____ God

Don't _____

Remember that justice _____

Focus on the Lord, _____ to him

Fill-ins: conclusion; breakthrough; your heart to; sin; will be done; holding on to him

(The works of Charlie Dates, J.D. Greear, Tim Keller, Samuel Mills, Ryan Poehl, and Mike Winger were consulted for this message)

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 5, 2023

1. How would you explain to a child why God does not knock down bullies and troublemakers at school?
2. As we saw on Sunday, Asaph struggles with injustice. Imagine your life now is "just a dream" (or a nightmare), and when you awake, all will return to "normal". What heavy burden, human ill, or gross injustice would you like to wish away as if it were but a dream?
3. Read vs.1-3. What are some reasons why people are tempted to think God is not good?
4. Read vs. 13-14. What was Asaph hoping his "pure heart" would get him?
5. vs. 9-11 make the ungodly seem like little "gods" to those around them. Who are some of the "gods" of our culture and what effect do they have on people? What is it that people envy about them?
6. Asaph was doubting God's goodness, yet he was careful about expressing his doubt. Why, according to v. 15?
7. List ways that Asaph was changed as a result of entering the sanctuary of God (vs. 17-28.)
8. Worship plays a pivotal role in the psalm (v. 17.) How can worship help you deal with your doubts and hard questions about living as a follower of Jesus, as well as maintain the right perspective?
9. What hope literally surrounds Asaph's envy and despair (vs. 1,28)? Name various ways God has shown His goodness to us in Jesus.
10. Read both vs. 27,28 and 2 Peter 3:9. What are some practical implications as well as applications of these verses for us when it comes to making disciples of Jesus?