



5-WEEK STUDY ON
THE PSALMS OF DAVID

WEEK 1

David's Prayer When
Everything Went Wrong

PSALM 34

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS
DISCOVERING HOPE IN THE PSALMS OF DAVID

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Psalm 34

Secondary text from this week: 1 Samuel 16-21;

Read ahead for next week: 1 Samuel 22, Psalm 57

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand how David found hope in the Lord when everything had gone wrong.

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary.

Break the Ice: Think back to a day when everything just seemed to go right. Describe that day to the group.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Think about the parts of David's story we looked at in **1 Samuel 16-21**. Was there any part of his story that you had not heard before? What surprised you about his story?

2. Describe a time in your life when everything seemed to go wrong. How did you respond? What did you tend to fixate on and magnify during that season?

3. Pastor Doug read **Psalm 34:1-3** in his message and explained that David learned to submit to, fixate on and *magnify the Lord* in those situations. Which of these comes easiest to you? Which is most difficult?

4. **Psalm 56** was also written about this experience in David's life (see notation in the Bible). Read **Psalm 56:3-4** and compare it to **Psalm 34:4**. What do these verses tell us about fear?

5. Read **Psalm 34:19**. Then, flip over to **John 16** and read verse **33**. What similarities do you notice? What differences do you notice? Have you experienced this truth in your life?

6. Read **Psalm 34:20**. Then, flip over to **John 19** and read **verses 28-36**. Talk about the prophecy David wrote about in this Psalm and how it shows that God's ultimate plans are so much bigger than our circumstances.

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