

# 5-WEEK STUDY ON THE PSALMS OF DAVID

## WEEK 1

David's Prayer When Everything Went Wrong

PSALM 34

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**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.

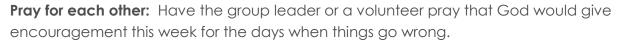
#### GROUP DISCUSSION

- 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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**Pray on your own:** Leave your Bible open to Psalm 34 when you pray this week. Use the language of verses 1-3 to praise God during your prayer time.

#### **ACTION STEPS**

In his sermon, Pastor Doug mentioned his grandma's Bible and the legacy of faith she left behind. Think of one way you can leave a legacy of faith for someone in your family.

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