

WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

In your opinion and experience do you feel "all men are liars" (verse 11)? Do you feel men lie more than women?

WORSHIP

*Let us be reminded God is here. The psalmist said (verse 1) "I love the Lord for ..." Let each of us tell God, "I love you for ______."
*Let us pray.

WORD: PSALM 116

Observation questions:

- 1. Who might the author be?
- 2. Who are the characters in the song?
- 3. What emotions do you sense in the writer?
- 4. What do you hear him saying?
- 5. What other observations do you have about the text?

INTERPRETATION/APPLICATION OF THE TEXT

- 1. Was there anything the pastor said in the sermon you would like to discuss?
- 2. Why does the psalmist love the Lord? Is this a good reason to be devoted to Him? What is your love based on?
- 3. How do you interpret verse 3? Was it physical? Emotional, mental? Spiritual? Why?
- 4. Compare translation of his prayer in verse 4b.

Which one do you think best expresses his intensity? Why?

5. The pastor said the soul, the inward man is very needy.

What is your story of a sick or dead soul?

- 6. Do you think the psalmist in any way shuns the responsibility for his soul? Why?
- 7. What are some ways that we Christians shun being responsible for our own soul health?
- 8. What did you think of the pastor saying we need to talk to our soul not self? Will you try it?
- 9. "Walk before the Lord in the land of the living" What is the land of the living? What hinders us from experiencing the land of the living?
- 10. See verse 12.
 - *What are the benefits?
 - *What will he render?
 - *Where will he render it?
- 11. How is your soul today? Sick? Dead? Neglected? Cast down? Recovering? Revived? It is your soul; how will you care for it?

WORK

- *Thanksgiving meal?
- *Embrace Grace?

WITNESS