

Small Group Discussion + Leader Guide

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“Who Can Dwell with God?”

Summer in the Psalms Series #3

Psalms 15

OPENING PRAYER & ICEBREAKER

Icebreaker Question: What's one character trait you admired most in your father, grandfather, or a father figure in your life? How has that trait influenced who you are today?

SERMON RECAP

Main Idea: We must pursue lives of holiness and integrity as those who walk with God.

Key Question: What characterizes the person who truly walks with God?

Read Together: Psalm 15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Part 1: Their Conduct Was Blameless (v. 2a)

1. Understanding Integrity

- Pastor Matt said, "Integrity is who you are when there is no camera." What does this mean to you personally?

- Where do you find it most challenging to maintain integrity—at work, at home, online, or somewhere else? Why?
2. Public vs. Private Life
- How can we ensure our "public life and private life tell the same story"?
 - What are some practical ways to cultivate blameless conduct in our daily routines?
3. Scripture Reflection
- Read Micah 6:8 and Philippians 2:15. What does it look like to "walk humbly with your God" in a "crooked and twisted generation"?

Part 2: Their Communication Was Truthful (vv. 2b-3)

4. The Power of Words
- James 3:5-10 describes the tongue as "a restless evil, full of deadly poison." Why is our speech such a powerful indicator of our walk with God?
 - Share an example (without naming names) of when someone's truthful or gracious words made a significant impact on you.
5. Gossip and Slander
- Why is gossip so tempting, and what makes it so destructive?
 - What boundaries can we establish to guard against slander and gossip in our conversations?
6. Truth and Love
- Warren Wiersbe said, "Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy." How do we balance speaking truth while showing love?

Part 3: Their Commitments Were Faithful (v. 4)

7. Who We Honor
- "Who you honor reveals what you value." Who are your heroes, and what does that say about your heart?

- How can we intentionally honor "those who fear the LORD" in our church and community?
8. Keeping Commitments
- Discuss the statement: "Faithfulness is measured when keeping your commitment hurts."
 - Can you share a time when keeping a commitment was costly but ultimately worth it?
9. Marriage and Family Application
- How does this principle of faithfulness apply to marriage, parenting, and family relationships?
 - What commitments in your life need renewed dedication?

Part 4: Their Character Was Uncompromised (v. 5)

10. Financial Integrity
- The sermon used the illustration of receiving too much change. How do small compromises in integrity affect our character over time?
 - In what areas of life (finances, business, relationships) are we most tempted to compromise?
11. Choosing Holiness Over Profit
- What does it look like practically to choose holiness over personal advantage in today's world?
 - How can we support one another in making these difficult choices?

Part 5: The Gospel Connection

12. Our Need for Jesus
- Pastor Matt said, "Psalm 15 ultimately exposes all of us." How does this Psalm reveal our need for Jesus?
 - How does understanding that Jesus perfectly fulfilled Psalm 15 on our behalf change how we pursue holiness?
13. Grace and Transformation

- How is pursuing holiness different from trying to earn God's favor?
- What does it mean that "people who walk with God eventually begin to look like the God they walk with"?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Write down one key insight from each section:

1. Blameless Conduct: _____
2. Truthful Communication: _____
3. Faithful Commitments: _____
4. Uncompromised Character: _____

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE area to focus on this week:

Option 1: CONDUCT

- Identify one area where your private life doesn't match your public life. Confess it to God and to a trusted friend. Take one concrete step toward integrity in that area.
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Option 2: COMMUNICATION

- Go 7 days without gossip, slander, or negative talk about others. When tempted, pray for that person instead.
- Use your words intentionally to encourage at least three people this week.
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Option 3: COMMITMENTS

- Review your commitments (to God, family, church, work). Are there any you've neglected? Choose one to renew and follow through on.
- Make a commitment and keep it, even when it becomes inconvenient.
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Option 4: CHARACTER

- Examine your finances, entertainment choices, or business practices. Ask: "Does this honor God?" Make one change that reflects uncompromised character.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

Share with your group:

1. What is one specific way you want to grow in walking with God this week?
2. How can this group pray for you and hold you accountable?
3. Who will you check in with before next week's meeting?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for one another in these areas:

- Confession: Where we've failed in conduct, speech, commitments, or character
- Transformation: That God would change our hearts, not just our behavior
- Dependence: That we would trust in Christ's righteousness, not our own
- Growth: That we would increasingly reflect the character of Christ
- Witness: That our integrity would point others to Jesus

CLOSING REFLECTION

Read together: Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..."

Final Question: How does the gospel of Jesus Christ give you both the motivation and the power to pursue the kind of life described in Psalm 15?

BEFORE NEXT WEEK

- Read Psalm 15 daily and ask God to reveal one area where you need to grow
- Follow through on your practical application
- Check in with your accountability partner
- Come prepared to share what God is teaching you

Memory Verse for the Week:

"O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart." — Psalm 15:1-2