# DIVING DEEPER DISCUSSION GUIDE



#### TEXT SUMMARY

This week's texts – <u>Psa 3:8</u>; <u>62:1</u>; <u>Isa 12:2</u>; and <u>Jonah 2:9</u> – speak of the Lord as the source of our salvation.

### **INTRODUCTION** (OBSERVATION):

- 1. As with all of Scripture, we must read **Psa 3:8** in its context:
  - From the inscription at the top of the psalm, what is the **occasion** of the writing of this psalm?
  - How would you summarize the **theme** of this psalm?
- 2. **Psalm 62** opens with "For God alone my soul waits in silence." Verse 5 includes an explanation. According to v. 5, **why** should I look to God when I am in trouble?
- 3. What is the context for **Jonah 2:9**?
  - Who said those words?
  - Under what circumstances did he say them?

#### **DISCUSSION** (INTERPRETATION):

- 1. From **Psalm 62:1**:
  - What does it mean to wait on God in silence?
  - Verse 5 includes an explanation. According to v. 5,
    why should I look to God when I am in trouble?
- 2. **Isaiah knew from the beginning** that his prophetic ministry would not turn the nation away from their sin and back to God (see his commission in Isa 6). Yet he still sings of God's salvation for His rebellious people (Isaiah 12). How can a chastened people have anything to celebrate and sing about?

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#### SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

- 1. **Psalm 62 speaks of waiting on God alone.** But we all know how easy it is to manufacture idols.
  - How can you detect the idolatrous urge in your own heart, that moment when you are beginning to treat a good thing as the ultimate thing?
  - What are some good things that you are tempted to look to for your salvation instead of God?
- 2. **Two of our texts (Isa 12:2 and Jonah 2:9)** speak of God's people looking to Him for His salvation even while they are suffering for their sin.
  - Have you ever experienced God's chastening to bring you back to repentance?
  - Have you ever experienced the joy of knowing God's grace even while you were suffering for your own wrongdoing?
- 3. **Psa 62:5-7 is an example of sanctifying self-talk.** Read those three verses again to see how the psalmist exhorts himself to put his confidence in God.
  - What does he urge himself to do?
  - What facts about God does he rehearse?
  - Have you ever had to remind yourself of a truth from God's Word that you already knew but just wanted to ignore?
    - How did that turn out?
    - Did you listen to yourself, or did you ignore your own sanctifying self-talk?
    - What were the results?