



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of August 2nd, 2020

**Sermon: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

**Text: Psalm 118**

### SUMMARY

Psalm 118 has stood the test of time as a brace for the hearts of believers, to not only survive but thrive in times of trouble. In all these trials God is our refuge and strength to survive as he sustains us with his steadfast love in Christ. . The bad times are temporary as this life, but our existence with God is not.

### FOR FAMILIES

How would you describe God's love? The Bible uses the word steadfast, which means it won't change no matter what else happens. Put in you own words what it means for God to love us steadfast.

### FOR GROUPS

**Steadfast Love:** God's steadfast love is both simple enough for a child to understand, but profound enough to awe the most experienced Christian. When the Bible uses repetition, another reason is to call to mind other passages that use the term. Read Psalm 136 and share something surprising God connects with His steadfast love.

**Trials:** Jesus told us in this life we will have trials, just as He did. The psalmist clearly went through trials also, but does not give details. Why? When have you experienced trials that make you feel like the psalmist describes?

Everyone faces problems and fears, but it is much easier with someone helping you. God is always with us, and he gives us our parents, families, and the church to help. What is a problem or fear that is bothering you? Talk with your parents and pray about how God can help your through.

The psalm ends with worship, but worship doesn't have to happen only on Sunday. With your family, pick a song [like this](#) to sing this next week. As a bonus try to memorize Psalm 118:1.

**Worship and Sharing:** After strengthening us, the psalm ends back where it began: in worship. It starts in worship and ends in worship and sharing. How can you elevate your worship? How can we encourage others at church during worship to love worship more? How can we take this joy and confidence in our conquering Savior during the pandemic?

**Glad Songs:** Few things get stuck in our head like songs. The psalmist started by repeating how God's steadfast love endures forever, then with trials in his life, the psalmist can sin sing gladly. Spend some time with your group in worship through song. Pick some songs that we sing on Sunday morning. If no one in your group is musical, you can play a track to set the tune for you.