

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of June 14, 2020

Sermon: "Who Shall Ascend?"

Text: Psalm 24

SUMMARY

How do we get to creator God? This is the question Psalm 24 answers: only with clean hands and pure hearts open wide to the King of Glory.

FOR FAMILIES

Have you ever thought about how God owns all things and knows all things?
Because he is creator, everything is "his".
How does that make you feel?

Why is it so hard to get to God on our own? Can we do it if we just try hard?

Have you ever had your hands stained with something? Like fruit juice or dirt? The Scripture says our hands are stained with blood when we sin. What does that make you think of?

To be with God we need clean hands and hearts. Only Jesus can make us clean. Ask your parents how Jesus the King comes in and makes us clean to take us to God.

FOR GROUPS

What is it about God's "ownership" of creation that we find in verses 1-2 which causes us to rethink how we approach him? How are you tempted to approach God by what you possess?

How do you personally fall short of the requirements of verses 3-6? In what ways do you showcase outward holiness without actually being holy?

Consider the beauty of verses 7-10. How often do you think about the kingship of Christ? If not often, why not? What is so "glorious" about this king?

What might it mean for you to lift up your doors and open your gates and let the king of glory in? In what areas of your life are you shutting out Jesus and his holiness?