

Summer in the Psalms

THE SONGS THAT JESUS SANG

Paying God back??– Psalm 116

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Bob McCan concludes our series of Summer in the Psalms with this message from Psalm 116.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Have there been times when you've tried to 'make a deal with God' or 'pay him back'? What did that look like?
- The idea that God is worshipped as we ask him, how does that deepen your understanding of grace and the character of God?
- Take some time to pray Psalm 116 for yourself. Go a line at a time, making each word your own. Pay particular attention to the way the Psalm draws your heart to Christ and worship him there.