



A Season for a Psalm: Week 4, A Terrible No

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read: Psalm 22

1. What conclusions about God has David come to because of his troubles? (v1-8)
2. What does David want from God? (v9-21)
3. What refocusing helps David toward the end of Psalm 22? (v22-31)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. In his message, Tony defined "A Terrible No" as a time when: *We ask God for help and none comes, and... we don't feel the presence of God.* What resentments toward God or questions about faith can easily result when experiencing "A Terrible No"?
5. What testimonies of God at work in your life (past or present) are helpful for you to recall when you are unsure about God's presence or willingness to intervene in your life?
6. The answer to our troubles isn't to hyper-focus on today, rather to "refocus" on the long game. Many scriptures contrast "present suffering" and the "future promises" of God:
 - *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).*
 - *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28a).*
 - *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).*

What future promises of God are helpful to keep in mind when we are full of fear, anxiety, or confusion?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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