

A Season for a Psalm: Week 9, Choose Wisely Justin Terry, August 9, 2020 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 36

- 1. Describe the natural way of man summarized in verses 1-4.
- 2. Describe the way of God summarized in verses 5-9.
- 3. What pleas and results conclude this psalm? (v10-12).

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. The image of a "fountain of life" (v9) gives us a sense of fresh, cleansing water that gives life to the spiritually thirsty. This same picture is used in Jeremiah 2:13, where God is called the "spring of living water." Jesus spoke of himself as living water that could quench thirst forever and give eternal life (John 4:14). How would you explain this to a non-believer or someone investigating the Christian faith?
- 5. In this psalm, God's faithfulness, justice, and love are contrasted with the sinful hearts of men and women. In spite of our fallen condition, God pours out his love on those who know him.
- Where would you most like to see God's faithfulness in your life or in the life of someone you care about?
- Where do you long to see God's justice come against evil in our world?
- Who do you know that needs to experience the love and kindness of Christ?

Take some time pray together about your answers to these questions.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 6. 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 **