



A Season for a Psalm: Week 6, *The Cry of the Aged*

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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 90

1. What frailty, limitations, or weaknesses are expressed in the first half of this psalm? (v1-11)
2. What does Moses ask for in the second half of this psalm? (v12-17)

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

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. The context of this Psalm is Numbers Chapter 20:
 - *Miriam, Moses' sister and strongest personal supporter dies.* (20:1)
 - *The people quarrel with Moses and Aaron over wandering in the wilderness and the lack of water.* (20:2-9)
 - *In anger Moses strikes the rock that God told him merely to speak to, providing abundant water for others but bringing consequences to both he and Aaron.* (20:10-13)
 - *Edom, the children of Esau and Israel's brother refuse to allow Israel to cross their land, causing great hardship.* (20:14-21)
 - *Aaron dies and all Israel weeps.* (20:22-29)

Given the context above, what feelings or thoughts may have been on Moses' mind as he wrote Psalm 90?

4. How can realizing that "life is short" influence the life of a Christian? (v12)
5. Moses asks for three things for himself and his people. Dan calls this "The Man of God's Prayer".
 - *Perspective, so that life makes sense.*
 - *Joy, so that life is full.*
 - *Legacy, so our lives make a difference for generations to come.*

Which of these things feels most important or resonates with you right now? Why?

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 ****

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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