

The Heart of the Matter

12. If you are living a dream (or a nightmare) what would be put right or put back to normal when you awake?

13. What heavy burden, human ill, or gross injustice would you like to wish away, as if it were but a dream?

14. Do the prosperous really get away with things in this life? What can they expect in reality in their future?

15. Have you had a “sanctuary” experience with God? When? Where? What happened? How did things change for you at that time? What needs to change for you now in how you see God’s goodness?

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Life Group Study Guide

God is Good all the Time

Psalm 73:1-28

For the Week of July 12, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Other than your wedding or engagement ring, do you have a favorite piece of jewelry? Does it belong to you or someone else?

3. What makes someone a good person in your mind? What attributes do they possess?

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Digging Deeper

4. Asaph is credited with writing Psalms 50, 73-83. He was most likely a poet associated with the Temple of God in Jerusalem. According to verses 2-3, what is his nagging doubt in this Psalm?

5. According to verses 4-12, what has Asaph seen? What attitudes might be undermining his faith? Do you think he is objective in what he is seeing? Why or why not?

6. What does Asaph find attractive and negative in the lifestyle, worldview, and godlessness of the rich?

7. From verses 13-14, what does Asaph believe he will receive for having a “pure heart”?

8. From verses 15-17 what causes Asaph to change his mind about how he is seeing reality? What might the “sanctuary of God” refer to in Asaph’s mind?

9. According to verse 20, why might Asaph think that God is asleep? (35:23; 44:23)

10. What “glory” does Asaph have in mind in verses 24-25 (16:9-11)? According to verses 23-28, what path is he planning to take?

11. From verse 1 and 28, what constant hope literally surrounds Asaph’s envy and despair?