

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Psalm 73

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: If you could go to any major event (sporting, concert, etc.) which one would you choose to attend and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is envy? Can you think of any examples of envy or jealousy in the Scriptures?
2. **Read:** Psalm 73. What are your observations? Are there any repeated words or themes? Do you see a structure to the Psalm?
3. What is troubling Asaph's heart in this Psalm? How does Asaph describe the arrogant and the wicked? How does this description of the wicked prospering contrast with verse 1?
4. What does vs. 11 tell us about the heart of the wicked who are prospering on earth? What do they believe about God and how does that belief connect to their way of life?
5. Have you felt the way Asaph feels in this Psalm? What tempts you to be embittered towards God as you look at the seeming prosperity of evil? What are the hardest present-day realities that are hard to understand in view of a God who is in control?
6. What is at the heart of our envy of others? What does it say about what we believe about God?
7. How does Asaph confront his sinful thoughts and feelings in this Psalm? What is his turning point? What are the truths found in this Psalm about God that keep Asaph from turning down the path of the wicked?
8. What does it mean to be satisfied in Christ? What does it mean for God to be the strength of our hearts and our portion forever?
9. Where is it difficult to be satisfied in Christ? What portion of your heart do you need to give to Him and trust Him that he is faithful to satisfy all our deepest longings and desires? Consider sharing in your Small Group or a trusted friend.