Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Give Thanks to the Lord" Psalm 107 November 19, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

- 1. When everything seems to be going wrong, why is it important to remember that God's love is steadfast?
 - a. Why is it crucial to remember that you have <u>already been</u> redeemed?
- 2. When the Israelites "wandered" in the wilderness, did they actually have a destination?
 - a. How can you apply this to your situation when you feel like you are lost in life?
 - b. In the ESV, verse 9 says, "For he satisfies the <u>longing soul</u>, and the <u>hungry soul</u> he fills with good things." According to verse 9, how can we be fulfilled even when we feel lost?
- 3. How are the consequences of rebelling against God and taking charge of our own lives described in verses 10-12?
 - a. How do we get out of that bondage according to verses 13-14.
- 4. According to verse 17, what is the cause of the fool's suffering?
 - a. In verse 20, what does God send to heal them?
- 5. When things go wrong in our lives, is it always because we did something wrong?
 - a. Why would God put us in situations that are beyond our human abilities to solve?
 - b. In verses 28-30, how does God help us?
 - c. What is (or should be) the "harbor you long for"?

- 6. Does God promise to keep you from trouble?
 - a. What does he promise?
- 7. According to verse 42, when God is finished, all will see that he is just. How does that help us when we can't make sense of suffering?
- 8. Recall a time in your life when God came through for you (remember).
 - a. What was the lesson learned (consider)?
 - b. Who can you encourage with that story (tell)?