

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Memorial Day

These questions are for the **May 27, 2018** sermon, "Flashing Arrows." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 76:1-12) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

IN TIMES OF INTENSIFYING CONFLICT, TAKE ON ONE MORE DAY, REFLECTING UPON . . .

1. The greatness of our God (1-3)
 - a. God's people, even in times of distress, know and lift up his great name.
 - b. While the whole world has gods, Yahweh reigns on high.
2. The accomplishments of our God (4-6)
 - a. While the created world is beautiful, make certain that you worship the Creator.
 - b. The great things that God has done fills volumes upon volumes.
 - i. Open your eyes to see the wonderful things that God has done.
 - ii. Open your mouth to give him (and him alone) the glory.
3. The justice of our God (7-9)
 - a. Sometimes, those who should deliver justice actually deliver injustice.
 - b. But God will always deliver justice. His name is to be feared.
 - i. When you are oppressed, take your heart and your case to God.
 - ii. Wait on God to deliver you. God will always act justly.
4. The supremacy of our God (10-12)
 - a. Be faithful to God even as the difficulty around you intensifies.
 - b. Aim at this goal: remain faithful to God today. Just one more day.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God is great, and this teaches us that he is over every competitor, and that there is none like him. No human "king" will have the final say. No unjust oppressor will win. No illegitimate law goes unseen. How does this truth motivate you to act (obey) in the name of the Lord? What kinds of action could or should you be taking in accordance with the reigning and all-powerful name of Yahweh?
2. Based on #2, above: God has done great, great things, both in ancient history, in recent history and on your behalf. Make a list of great things that God has done in each category. If God can do and has done great things like these, do you trust him to act again? How do the people around you see your joyful, constant hope, even in the midst of "intensifying conflict"?
3. Based on #3, above: We live in a world full of injustice. Are you waiting and expecting that God himself sees all, and acts justly, no matter what you see around you? When you discuss world events with friends, do you discuss God's justice more? Or human injustice? Why?
4. Based on #4, above: We can't imagine how God will act faithfully and bring history to a just end in the future. And we are not called to surmise or guess. We are called to believe and trust God each and every day. We are each called to string together faithful days. Can you get through the rest of today trusting God? How 'bout tomorrow? How can we help you?