

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **October 3, 2021** sermon, "Foundations." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 11) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

WHEN IT SEEMS AS IF THE FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE ARE BEING DESTROYED, NOTE . . .

1. The personal counsel we need to assess. (1-3)
 - a. While God rules, many resist his rule and seek to subvert his authority.
 - b. Our inner circle (fellow believers) may be prone to advise one another.
 - i. Make distinctions between "assessing" advice and "accepting" advice.
 - ii. While others say, "flee," David has his eyes fixed upon the LORD.
 - c. The Lord is our refuge, our place of perfect security.
 - i. God may lead you into places where your personal wellbeing is not guaranteed.
 - ii. God's will is often dangerous. At all times, he is our refuge.
2. The essential truths we need to apply. (4-6)
 - a. The Lord's throne in heaven is unmoved by earthly conflict.
 - b. A test: will we continue to trust and serve the LORD when earthly foundations move?
3. The critical promise we need to embrace. (7)
 - a. While the unrighteous resist God, he remains completely righteous.
 - b. The future for all those who trust him is good and certain.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: When we see destroyed foundations, we are prone to give advice, make snap decisions, panic, and listen to the loudest earthly voices. After reviewing the incoming counsel, David marginalized the counsel and focused on the LORD. Are you able to assess incoming counsel? In what ways are you focused upon the LORD in the midst of panic?
2. Based on #1, above: "Hold your position," does not mean, "Hold your opinion," but "Hold your gaze and proximity, fixed on the LORD." What's the difference? Do you have some "opinion positions" that you hold too strongly? Do you have some ways in which you do not hold your gaze on the LORD strongly enough? Discuss.
3. Based on #2, above: God's throne is untouched in heaven. He stands in perfect sovereignty at all times. But that does not mean he is far away or unmoved by our struggle. On the contrary, God is near to us and accessible at all times for those who take refuge in him. He tests us, proving himself while earthly foundations sometimes crumble. Do you sense God's closeness today? In what way could you draw even nearer? Do your words reveal a calm and trusting heart?
4. Based on #3, above: The psalm starts with the question: "What can the righteous do?" And ends with the answer: "righteous deeds." While the foundations crumble, the righteous continue to trust the Lord, Love him, love our neighbors and provide mercy. While the enemy seems to make progress, our progress is to keep doing righteous deeds. Apply this to your life. (We do righteous deeds because of the certainty of the promise: we "shall behold his face!")