

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **July 31, 2022**, sermon, "Not to be Hidden." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 78:1-8) together out loud.

Passage Outline

WE MAKE GOD'S GRACE KNOW TO THE NEXT GENERATION WHEN WE . . .

1. Reflect on the past: *remember his glorious deeds.* (7)
 - a. The promise of an offspring of David on Israel's throne (2 Sam 7) was interrupted.
 - i. The pattern we see: God's people disobey, God disciplines, then delivers.
 - ii. Even when the blessing seems broken, we trust God's promise.
 - b. The work of "remembering his glorious deeds":
 - i. Asaph provides an encyclopedia of specific glorious deeds to remember:
 1. God delivered them from enslavement in Egypt. (42-53)
 2. God led, fed and protected them through wilderness wanderings. (9-41)
 3. God gave them the land he had promised, including houses. (54-64)
 - ii. We establish historic, generational and personal recall of God's glorious deeds.
2. Anticipate the future: *hope in his faithfulness.* (7)
 - a. The future is bright, hopeful and beautiful because of God's faithfulness.
 - b. God never leaves us on our own. God always provides for those who turn to him.
3. Are faithful in the present: *trust his Word with humble obedience.* (7)
 - a. God has provided a written record of his "testimony" (5) and "law." (5, 7)
 - i. We will not add to it (with our traditions).
 - ii. We will not subtract from it (with generalizations and conscious changes).
 - b. This generation and the next will be drawn to God . . .
 - i. By the unique and real work of sanctification. That is: we are a holy people.
 - ii. When God's people love God, love neighbor, and are transformed (Gal 5:22-23).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Have you ever held a fulfilled promise/answered prayer of God in your hands, only to have him remove it? How are you processing this?
2. Based on #1, above: Reflect upon God's glorious deeds. Which historic "glorious deeds" of God astound you? (He delivers, redeems, guides, provides. For instance: he chooses his people, gives them land and places a king on the throne (ultimately, Jesus!!!).) Which personal "glorious deeds" of God astound you?
3. Based on #2, above: Have the political and global events of these recent days changed your attitude? What impact do we have on the next generation when seemingly mature believers become cynical? How can we return to and live out an active hope?
4. Based on #3, above: We must not add to Scripture with our traditions and preferences, like the Pharisees, nor subtract from Scripture with cultural compromises. Respond to this idea: "This generation needs to see rigorous and genuine sanctification / holiness in the church."