

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **August 28, 2022**, sermon, “Established Forever.” Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 89:1-4, 19-37) together out loud.

Passage Outline

WHEN OUR FAITH IN GOD IS AT A BREAKING POINT . . .

1. We will worship: God keeps his promise every time. (1-37)
 - a. God’s posture toward his people is constant: steadfast love. (1-4)
 - i. It is real (1), eternal (2), overflowing (14), with us (24), constant (24) and restorative (32-33).
 - ii. Even when we ache, God loves us deeply.
 - b. God is incomparable. There is no one like him. (5-18)
 - c. God’s promise to David (and us) is eternal. (19-37)
 - i. Including land, a dynasty (kingdom) and the throne.
 - ii. But also David and his “Offspring” is a Son. Forever.
 - iii. David views this promise as a new “charter” for all humanity. (2 Sam 7:19)
 - d. In Jesus Christ, God has kept his promise forever for all who trust him.
2. We will lament: God sometimes seems very far away from us. (38-51)
 - a. Lament: “bringing your hurt and pain / disillusionment to the LORD.”
 - b. Key aspects to lament: (Consider reading *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*, by Mark Vroegop.)
 - i. Come to God. (38)
 - ii. Bring your complaints. (38-51)
 - iii. Ask God for help. (47-48, 50-51)
 - iv. Choose to trust him. (52)
3. We will lament for a moment, but we shall worship him forever. (52)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Sometimes what our eyes see / circumstances seem to completely oppose (or cancel out) what God has promised. When has your faith been at a breaking point? How did ascribing honor / worth to God (worship) strengthen and carry you?
2. Based on #1, above: We spent quite a bit of time tracing God’s promise to David from 2 Sam 7. God has promised that an “Offspring” of David would be “a Son,” and that there would be a dynasty (kingdom) over which he would rule forever. If David’s sons are disobedient to the stipulations of this promise, God would be faithful and even restore them. It is obvious that Jesus is the King, the Son, and that he rules God’s kingdom forever. How does this reality calm you and encourage you when your circumstances are dark?
3. Based on #2, above: In lament, we bring our pain to the Lord. It is important to acknowledge and process our pain, disappointment and grief before the Lord. In what specific ways has God helped you when you brought your pain and questions to him in prayer?