

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Psalms Series

These questions are for the **March 5, 2023**, sermon, "Steadfast Love." Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD, NOTE . . .

1. The gracious access our LORD provides. (19-24)
 - a. God's people sang this song antiphonally: call and answer, back and forth.
 - b. His people enter by the gates of righteousness.
 - i. The gates are opened by God, through the promise and work of his Son, Jesus.
 - ii. Through these open gates, the LORD provides access.
 - c. Jesus Christ is the one and only Cornerstone, upon which God's kingdom is built.
2. The salvation prayer our LORD emphasizes. (25-27)
 - a. The LORD's people cry out to him for success, and faithfully wait for him to save us.
 - b. Temporal and eternal success is salvation, and it comes from the LORD.
3. The thankful response our LORD deserves. (1-4, 28-29)
 - a. We look to God alone for help, and he faithfully delivers us. We bring him thanks.
 - b. We bring a humble heart of thanks, words of thanks and loyalty to him.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: A main emphasis of the Christian faith is that God is with us. He stays with us. He is near to us. He makes his home with us. Salvation is defined as "knowing God," (John 17:3). None of this can happen apart from his grace. All of this happens through Jesus. In what way can you improve at utilizing, treasuring and thanking God for access through Jesus?
2. Based on #2, above: God cares about your physical life and your eternal life. Yet we go to him in prayer to ask for success. We do not assume success based on the past, or even knowing the future outcome, but we ask for success, day-by-day, in faith. For what (area, situation or event) are you asking God for success?
3. Based on #3, above: God is the Architect of everything and the Giver of every good gift. When we see this we are humbled, and we bring thanks to him. Let's enter a time of prayer when we let our heart make a list of things to thank God for, and we let our lips offer thanks and praise.