



**Growth Group discussion questions for Psalm 18:20-28**

***A Song of Thanksgiving***

**Week of Nov. 19-22, 2017**

1. NCC Q11: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?  
*A: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.*  
**Memorize**, meditate on and be ready to recite **Romans 13:9**.
2. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, Nov. 19th? How were you specifically challenged?
3. What questions did the message bring up that you'd like to discuss?
4. What points of application did you take away from the message?
5. For context, read Psalm 18 in its entirety and then carefully re-read Psalm 18:20-28 at least twice.
6. King David acknowledges that he has been delivered from his enemies through the power and faithfulness of God. He then makes statements in verses 20 and 24 that may seem a bit startling to us. Is David claiming moral perfection here? How should we understand it? (Psalm 17:3, 1 Samuel 26:23, 1 Kings 14:8, Acts 13:22, also Psalm 51)
7. The apostle Paul also described his integrity before God and men (See 2 Cor. 1:12, 1 Thess. 2:10). Was Paul a prideful man? What did Paul understand about the source of anything good in himself? Explain. (See 2 Cor. 3:5-6, 10:17-18, 12:7-10; 1 Cor. 15:9-10).

8. We all want to hear from the Lord on that great Day, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21). While we know that God is always working in us by his Spirit, personal faithfulness isn’t automatic. What means of growth did David, and should we, employ to grow in godliness? (Psalm 18:21-23, 25:9-12, 51:1-12, what else helps us grow?)

9. David expressed the importance of humility (Ps. 18:27). Why is humility such an important virtue according to the following verses?

Psalm 25:9

Ps. 147:5-6

Prov. 11:2

Isaiah 66:2

Luke 18:9-14

Phil. 2:3-11

1 Peter 5:5-6

10. How can you cultivate a heart of true humility? (Isaiah 40:12-15, Matt. 5:3, Luke 18:13-14)

#### PRAY IN THE GROUP

- What has God impressed on you through this study? Pray that God would enable you to grow in any areas of spiritual conviction. Pray about specific needs of the people in your group.
- Pray for our on-going search for a young man to lead our music ministry and lead worship. Pray that God would lead us to his man for this role, for his glory.
- Pray also for our Angel Heart outreach to children of local inmates as well as our international outreach with Operation Christmas Child (shoebox gifts).