



Growth Group discussion questions for Psalm 18:29-50

A Song of Thanksgiving

Week of Nov. 26-29, 2017

1. NCC Q12: What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?
A: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.
Memorize, meditate on and be ready to recite **James 2:8**.

2. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, Nov. 26th? 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 18:29-50.

6. In several places in this Psalm and in most other Psalms, King David describes specific attributes of God.
 - a) A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Learning about many aspects of the Christian life is important, but why is it so vitally important for you to grow in your understanding of God himself and how he acts (Jeremiah 9:23-24)? What benefits will you reap in knowing God better?

 - b) How can a skewed, unbalanced or incorrect understanding of God be harmful to you? Give examples.

7. Verses 30 and 31 are packed with comforting truth. Think carefully about each phrase in these verses and explain why each phrase is important for you. What are some implications of each phrase for your life?

8. David acknowledges that his strength and adequacy for his task and his calling comes from God (see vv. 29, 32-36, 39, etc.). It's the same with us. God calls you obey him, glorify him, serve him, love others (including your enemies!), etc., in the strength that he supplies (1 Peter 4:10-11). How can you go about drawing on God's grace and strength when you feel weak or inadequate? (Psalm 28:6-9, 46:1-3, 73:25-26; Heb. 4:14-16, 2 Cor. 9:8) Give an example of how you've experienced God's empowering grace when you felt weak.

9. When God, in his love, grace and faithfulness, enables and empowers you to do his will, what should be your response? What are some ways you can give God the glory that's due him? (e.g. Ps. 18:43, 46-49; Luke 17:11-19, Acts 21:17-20)

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 the children of inmates who will be receiving gifts, Bibles and the gospel through our Angel Heart ministry. Pray that the children and their caregivers will have hearts that are prepared and open to the gospel.