

HOME GROUP

Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th February

Introduction

Discussion Starter:

- What things or people does the world encourage us to love?
- How do we see these affections lived out around us?

In Psalm 18, David- its human author- simply states his love for God. This is a song of triumph after troubled times. But the victor isn't really David, as we will see.

Read Psalm 18:1-6 together

Q1. In verses 1-3, how does David express his love for, and dependence on, God?

What do the names David attributes to God reveal about God's character and dealings with his people?

Q2. What does David seem to have escaped from (vv.3-6)? How do these truths about God reassure his people who are in need? Why not share with your group how these verses are a comfort in your current circumstances?

Q3. David was facing a specific historical situation. We are not opposed by Saul, like David was! Yet these words are ours as much as David's.

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How is Psalm 18:1-6 true of every Christian believer?

Q4. What things might you be hoping, trusting, and finding pleasure in, other than the Lord Jesus? How might you encourage one another to rejoice in Christ, so that your affections are ultimately directed towards Him?

Pray

Remind yourself of the many reasons (both His character and his blessings) that you have to love and praise God. Thank Him that because of His radical love for us, we have a hope and a future beyond what our present circumstances may indicate. Pray that you would increasingly value Christ above any of this world's pleasures.