

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Psalm 110

- Read through Psalm 110
- If scripture was truly inspired by God what would you expect it to be like? Talk about your own personal experience in reading Scripture and how it proves to be the word of God.
- Why is the consistency of Scripture so miraculous? Read and discuss the following quotes.
 - Imagine a radio with 66 stations. As you flick rapidly between them, you notice something very odd. The songs styles sound different – country, western, pop, rap, classical, opera, rock – but each new vocalist is developing the same exact story – the same exact narrative.
 - As well as having a single theme, the Bible has a single hero. Each of these 66 documents, even the ones written hundreds of years before Jesus, are all singing the same song. And the song, consistently, is about Jesus.
 - What if multiple authors had each written a page of a book? What if each author wrote in different genres? What if the authors all had different back grounds, what if it was written in different centuries, in different countries, and some in different languages without a “Master Plan” for them to follow? What is the likelihood that it would make any sense at all?
- How does Psalm 110 fit into this miraculous consistency found in scripture?

First Promise - Read Psalm 110:1

- Why is it significant that David is the author?

- Read & discuss Mark 12:35-37, Acts 2:32-36, and Hebrews 1:13 for help answering this question.
- Read and discuss the following quote.
 - **Derek Kidner** - Like Joshua, who fell on his face and surrendered his command with the words, “what does my Lord bid his servant,” David in Psalm 110 - (so to speak) falls on his face and worships the Man who stands before him.
- What is the significance of the Lord (Jesus) sitting and waiting in verse 1?
 - Read & discuss Hebrews 10:11-13 for help answering this question.

First Victory – Read Psalm 110:2-3

- What is the poetic contrast found in verse 3 between the Lord’s enemies and the Lord’s people?
- What does it mean that the Lord’s “people will offer themselves freely?”
 - Read and discuss the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Romans 12:1
 - Philippians 2:17
 - Acts 7:54-59
 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (focus on verse 5)
 - What is the application of Psalm 110:3 and the above verses to our lives?

Second Promise – Read Psalm 110:4

- Who was Melchizedek?
 - Read and discuss the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Genesis 14:17-18
 - All of Hebrews 7 (Leaders may want a trusted commentary to help out with this chapter as you go through it).
- Why is it significant that Melchizedek was both king and priest?
- Why is it significant that Melchizedek was the priest of Abraham?

- Why is it significant that Melchizedek was priest before the mosaic covenant?

Second Victory – Read Psalm 110:5-7

- In verse 5 who is the personal pronoun “Your” referring to?
 - *Leaders Cheat*: it is referring to the king (use verse 3 to help prove this point).
- Most theologians and experts in Hebrew say that verse 5 portrays God at the right hand of the King. Why is that significant?
- Read Psalm 110:5-7 and compare it to Psalm 2:5-12.

Close by reading this prayer from John Calvin in response to Psalm 110.

- Grant, Almighty God, that as you have given us once for all your only begotten Son to rule us, and have your good pleasure consecrated him as king over us, that we may be perpetually safe and secure under his hand against all the attempts of the Devil and of the whole world – O grant that we may suffer ourselves to be ruled by His authority, and so conduct ourselves that He Himself may ever continue to watch for our safety; and as you have committed us to Him, that He may be the guardian of our salvation, so also suffer us neither to turn aside nor to fall, but preserve us ever in His service, until we at length be gathered into that blessed and everlasting kingdom, which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son.